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OSBORNE IN DANGER

Life of U. S. Consul General at London Threatened.

WOULD BE ASSASSIN A GOTHAMITE.

Is a Son of the Late Dr. Helmbold and Has of Late Been Haunting the Consulate—Is Now Under Arrest.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Charles Helmbold, son of the late Dr. Helmbold of New York city, the well known patent medicine proprietor, has been locked up and is awaiting trial at Bow street police station on a charge of threatening to kill United States Consul General Osborne.

During the last three weeks he had been haunting the United States consulate, shabbily dressed, and demanding money. He told a story of the seizure of his clothes and effects by the Berlin consul for debt and declared that Mr. Osborne was responsible for the seizure.

Helmbold became so importunate that last Friday Mr. Osborne ordered him to leave the premises, whereupon he became violently enraged and shouted,



CONSUL GENERAL OSBORNE.

"I'll come back and shoot you!" Helmbold returned Monday and repeated his threat. Mr. Osborne, remembering the Terriss case, summoned a police officer and had him arrested.

The physicians think him insane. He has spent much time in London of recent years, living high when his family sent him money and in deepest poverty between remittances.

It is supposed that the Berlin adventures he describes are imaginary, and it is said that his father became insane before his death. An attempt was made to keep the affair a secret for the sake of Helmbold's family.

Trouble in West Virginia Mines.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Governor Atkinson is in receipt of a telegram from General Spillman of Parkersburg, informing him that a mob is forming in Pomeroy, O., to cross the river into West Virginia to drive the men out of the mines of the Consumers' Coal company at New Haven. The general wired the sheriff of Mason county to look into the matter, and the sheriff wired back that he would go to New Haven with a force of deputies and would prevent trouble. In the meantime the state militia is ready to move when called upon.

Blanco Offered a Bribe.

HAVANA, via Key West, Dec. 22.—The insurgents, it is reported, found on the body of Colonel Joaquin Ruiz a letter from Captain General Ramon Blanco authorizing Ruiz to offer \$100,000 to Colonel Nestor Aranguren and a high office to Aranguren's father, who is now in the United States. General Blanco gave pledges in his letter that both promises would be fulfilled immediately after the return of Aranguren to Havana with Colonel Ruiz.

Railroads Asking Time.

ALBANY, Dec. 22.—The board of railroad commissioners gave a hearing on the applications of various railroads of the state for an extension of time in which to comply with the law compelling the equipment of all freight cars operated in this state with automatic couplers. At the close of the hearing President Cole stated that the decision of the board would be announced in a couple of days.

A Lady in Black Story.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Dec. 22.—A mysterious woman in black and wearing a heavy dark veil entered from school George Alfred Preston and Hattie May Preston, brother and sister, aged respectively 11 and 9 years, children of George Preston of this city. They were hurried away in a closed carriage which started supposedly for Plymouth, where a train could be taken. The police are investigating the case.

Killed in Train Collision.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Two men were killed and two seriously injured by a rear end collision on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railway at Caryoga, Ind. The dead: J. S. Hodson, Chicago, engineer; L. E. Horton, Chicago, engineer. The injured: J. K. Horton, fireman, legs broken; H. W. Kollogg, air brake inspector, head badly cut.

Stewart the Bayonet Champion.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Private Stewart of the Forty-eighth Highlanders last night defeated Sergeant Major Morgan, for five years champion of America, in a series of bouts for the championship. Stewart scored 10 points to his opponent's 7.

Woman Fatally Burned.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Mary Bartram, aged 60, was burned to death at her home in the northern part of this city last evening by her clothing taking fire.

IN SELF DEFENSE.

Anderson Says He Committed the Oliver Pecker Murders to Save His Life.

NORFOLK, Dec. 22.—Rapid progress was made in the federal court yesterday in the Anderson case. With the exception of some brief and not important testimony in the morning, the day was almost entirely consumed with the hearing of the evidence of the accused, placed on the stand by his counsel to testify in his own behalf.

In the course of the direct examination Anderson held in his hand the large marlinpike which had been introduced as evidence. He was excited, dramatic and very much in earnest; he spoke rapidly and with difficulty kept within the limits of the examination, which was confined to the events of the day of the tragedy.

His story in its essentials differed from that of his mates in that he alleged that the mate was coming toward him with a marlinpike raised to strike him when he shot him, killing him to save his own life. He said he did not burn the vessel, but that Hansborough and March did, and that he exercised no force after killing the mate, but that all had worked together, and no one was compelled to do anything.

TO RETAIL COAL.

Reported Organization of Railroads to Deal Directly With Consumers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—It is reported here that the railroad-supplying New York with coal have planned to make a princely fortune of about \$15,000,000 annually by dealing directly with the consumer.

The chief mover in this gigantic undertaking is, it is said, Pierpont Morgan. His plan is to sell the entire output of the coal roads to one corporation in the state of Pennsylvania. The legal authority of the plan is based on the manufacturing laws of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Morgan is confident there will be no collision with the antitrust laws of New York or with the federal antitrust laws.

The Pennsylvania corporation will be a central selling agency in New York and Brooklyn. It apparently will be an independent organization, but in fact the stockholders will be the men who control the coal roads. The railroads will deal only with the central selling agency, and thus a trust as inviolable as the Standard Oil company will be perfected.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The Fiskdale Cotton mills of Sturbridge, Mass., will reduce wages 10 per cent after January.

Charles Bonal, in Bridgeport, Conn., was sentenced to hang on April 14 for the murder of Farmer Nichols.

The joint convention of coal operators and miners at Pittsburg demand the old interstate agreement on prices.

Jimmy Barry, the American boxer, who caused the death of Croft by a prize ring blow, was released in London.

Freight and passenger trains on the Detroit, Toledo and Milwaukee railroad collided near Wilderville, Mich., and four men were injured.

New Rival to Greenwood Cemetery.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Dec. 22.—John W. Trainer has, it is announced, closed a deal with a syndicate of capitalists for the sale of 300 acres, with a half mile frontage in North street, this village. The property will be transformed into a cemetery, on which, it is said, large sums of money will be expended to make it one of the finest in the country—a rival to Woodlawn and Greenwood. The price paid is admitted to be \$250,000.

Marcus Daly Owns Hamburg.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—Ed Tipton, Marcus Daly's confidential man, has been in this city, and says that Marcus Daly and two partners, also from Montana, are the purchasers of Hamburg, the great race horse, for \$41,000. The names of the two partners will not be made known until all three meet at New York. It is understood that one or more of the owners will sell to the others at this meeting.

The Shaw Murder Case.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 22.—The grand jury yesterday heard witnesses in the case of Eli Shaw, accused of murdering his mother and grandmother. Twenty-five witnesses were summoned, but only 12 of them were examined. Most of these had already testified before the coroner's jury, which failed to hold Shaw responsible for the murders.

Attorney's Daughter Shoots Herself.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.—Miss Zella Edmundson, daughter of John T. Edmundson, a prominent attorney, shot herself twice, it is said with suicidal intent, but is still alive. Miss Edmundson is 28 years old, a sister of E. R. Edmundson, also an attorney, and has been very popular socially.

Four Buildings Burned.

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 22.—Four buildings in the heart of the city were burned last night and a large amount of lumber destroyed. Loss estimated at \$75,000; insurance light.

Pierre Lorillard's Brother Married.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Mr. J. Lorillard, brother of Mr. Pierre Lorillard, has been quietly married in London to Mrs. Huyshe. They will spend their honeymoon in Paris.

Constable of the President Dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The death yesterday of Mrs. Charles R. Miller of Canton, O., a cousin of the president, was a sad blow to both the president and Mrs. McKinley, with whom Mrs. Miller was a great favorite.

Fatal Explosion in Tar Distillery.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The manager of Major's tar distillery at Hull and four of the employees were killed by an explosion in the works last evening.

MISS HERBERT DEAD

Leaps From Third Story Window With Fatal Results.

TEMPORARY INSANITY THE CAUSE.

She Was a Daughter of the Former Secretary of the Navy, Who Was Away From Home at the Time of the Tragedy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Miss Leila Herbert, a daughter of former Secretary of the Navy Hilary Herbert of Alabama, died at her home in this city yesterday as the result of a leap from the third story of her home in New Hampshire avenue, in the most fashionable part of the city.

The sudden death and the tragic features surrounding it were a great shock to the large circle of friends she had made in the course of her life in Washington as the daughter of a popular representative in congress from the south and later as one of the cabinet circle of ladies when she presided over her father's household during the four years he was secretary of the navy under the last Cleveland administration.

Her death is traceable indirectly to an accident while horseback riding in Virginia last September.

She always had been enthusiastically fond of riding, and during a visit to Virginia she started out one day on a horse that had not been well broken. It stumbled, and she was thrown violently to the ground, sustaining severe injuries to her back.

She was brought back to Washington, but recovery was exceedingly slow, and it was not until last Sunday that she was able to go out of the house. On that day she went driving for the first time since the accident, and Dr. W. W. Johnston, the attending physician, noticed considerable improvement.

She was unusually bright and cheerful yesterday morning and chatted animatedly with her married sister, Mrs. Micou, who makes her home with the former secretary and his daughter.

It had been Miss Herbert's custom for several years to take her breakfast in her room and later prepare for the social obligations of the day. Shortly after 10 o'clock she dressed to go down stairs, but instead of descending to the parlor went to the rear room of the third story of her home, whence she plunged to the ground, sustaining injuries which caused her death. Her father was not at home at the time, being on his way here from Alabama.

The coroner returned a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity. As the facts in the case were clear he decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Senator Hanna Dined.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Senator Mark A. Hanna of Ohio was entertained at dinner at Merion last evening by President Frank Thomson of the Pennsylvania railroad. Mr. Hanna came up from Washington on the congressional limited and was conveyed in a private car from Pownell avenue station to Merion. Among the other guests were Vice President Pugh, Edward T. Postlethwaite and General Agent William J. Latta.

A Princess Cruelly Treated.

PALERMO, Dec. 22.—Il Corriere Della Isola tells a shocking story of ill treatment of Princess di Carini, who is separated from her husband. It appears that, with her blind daughter, she has been shut up for the last five years by her trustee and has only just succeeded in sending a letter to the police revealing the fact of her imprisonment. The police have liberated the princess, and the trustee has been arrested.

Firemen Caught in Death Trap.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Martin J. Oakley, a fireman, was killed in a fire last evening in the basement of a five-story tenement house. Oakley succumbed to smoke and escaping gas. There were injured at the same time three other firemen attached to the same company, all having been rendered unconscious through inhaling smoke and gas.

Old Man Murdered by Robbers.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—Jacob Weimer, 69 years old, was found dead in his kitchen last evening by his wife. He had been gagged and bound. A handkerchief was tied across his mouth and a towel was fastened around his neck. He had been choked to death. The murderers had ransacked the house, but got little booty.

A Fatal Street Duel.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Dec. 22.—A street duel occurred here, and as a result R. C. Montgomery, a wealthy real estate agent, who had won prominence in politics, is dead, and John J. Joyce, a retired farmer, is charged with being his murderer. The killing is the outcome of Montgomery's attentions to Mrs. Joyce.

Dynamite Worked Havoc There.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 22.—An eight pound dynamite cartridge exploded last night in the rear of the Arbuckle coffee building. Very nearly 5,000 panes of glass in the neighborhood were shattered, but the explosion was not attended by loss of life.

Water Commissioner Dead.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Wallace E. Van Deusen died at his home in this city last evening. He was a member of the board of water commissioners and a wealthy and influential citizen. Death was caused by pneumonia.

Prominent Negro Organizer Dies.

RICHMOND, Dec. 22.—The Rev. W. W. Browne, president of the Grand Fountain of True Reformers, the most powerful organization among the negroes of the south, died in Washington city yesterday from blood poisoning.

WILL KEEP KIAO CHAU.

Report That the Germans Will Occupy This Chinese District Permanently.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A Germano-Chinese commission has been arranged, according to a dispatch from Shanghai to The Daily Mail, to settle the boundaries of the occupied district at Kiao Chau and it is evident, therefore, that the occupation will be permanent.

The same dispatch says it is rumored in Shanghai that the British intend to occupy Ta Lien Wan, south of Port Arthur, in order to guard the gulf of Pe Chi Li.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Tokio says there is no excitement there over the news from Port Arthur. The press is calm, and the public is indifferent.

Have England and Japan Combined?

LONDON, Dec. 22.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai the British squadron will make a demonstration at Che Foo, on the north coast of the Shan Tung promontory, as a warning, it is supposed, that Great Britain intends to oppose the division of China without consulting her. It is believed, says the dispatch, that Japan and England are acting in concert to preserve China from disintegration, favoring the idea of a protectorate over central China, with a capital at Nanking.

France Takes a Hand Now.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A special dispatch from Brest says the French cruiser Jean Bart has been ordered to proceed immediately to China.

TO DEMAND REPARATION?

Japan May Be Called to Time For the Killing of American Sailors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The department of state has undertaken an investigation of two very disagreeable incidents that may contain in themselves the germs of serious trouble in the near future. These are the killing by Japanese of two sailors attached to the United States fleet on the Asiatic station.

The exact conditions under which the killing occurred are not known here yet, and the state department is trying to learn them through the United States minister to Tokio and the United States consuls in Japan preliminary to determining what steps shall be taken to secure reparation if it shall be found that the killing was, as is expected, unjustifiable.

The first killing was of a sailor named Montgomery, attached to the gunboat Yorktown while she was on the Asiatic station, and the last was that of Frank Epps, a sailor, native of New York, and an apprentice on the flagship Olympia. He was killed at Nagasaki. The officials here have been advised of the bare facts only, but following so closely on the terrible assault at Kobe last September of a Japanese mob upon the sailors of the Yorktown these killings have aroused them to a determination to secure protection for our sailors in Japanese ports.

SERENADER SHOT.

Rude Reception of a Crowd That Went to Give a "Skimmington."

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Wallace Stanton, a young man, was shot and seriously wounded while participating in what is known here as a "skimmington," at Starlight, Sullivan county. Davis McGee and Edith Racine were married at that place on Sunday and went to the home of Milo Racine, father of the bride. A crowd of the villagers, as is customary, visited the Racine home to give the newly married couple a "skimmington."

Mr. Racine appeared on the scene when the noise was at its height with a double barreled shotgun and ordered the crowd from his premises. They did not go, and he fired one shot into the air to frighten the intruders. They made more noise than ever and told Racine that he did not dare shoot. He became angry and pointing the gun at the crowd fired with deadly effect.

Young Stanton, the ringleader, threw up his hands and fell backward at the feet of his companions. He was shot in the back and hip. He was taken to his home, where he now lies in a critical condition. Racine has not been arrested.

Stole the Hospital's Silver.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Fredrick Lee has been taken to the Kings county penitentiary to serve a four months' sentence. On Saturday night Lee applied at the Helping Hand hospital for admission on a certificate that he was suffering from alcoholism. On Sunday morning Lee was gone, together with much of the silver service in the dining room. The silver was found and traced to Lee.

Bank Clerk Admits Embezzlement.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 22.—Julius A. Brosse, discount clerk of the State Banking company, at Market and Halsey streets, was arrested in the bank yesterday after he had coolly admitted that in the last four years he had appropriated at least \$6,500 of the bank's money. The amount might be larger, he said. He was taken to police headquarters and locked up on a charge of embezzlement.

Duryea Has a Murder Case.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 22.—James R. Ormer, who represented this city in the Pennsylvania legislature in 1894, shot and killed his stepdaughter, Mrs. Caroline Schaeffer. The murder occurred in Duryea in the dining room of the Pullman House, of which he was proprietor. The murder has caused a great sensation.

They May Have Hydrophobia.

WARASH, Ind., Dec. 22.—It is thought that Otis Brubaker, his wife and sister-in-law, of Lagro, near here, are suffering from hydrophobia. They were bitten by a dog which showed signs of rabies. The whole neighborhood is aroused and the services of a Chicago specialist have been secured.

PUBLIC OPINION.

The City Market here all came. High class chops and steaks are here. Excellent parts all cut with care. Choice beef, pork, mutton if you seek. Incomparable with sausage it would seem. The finest country too we meet. Yielding to no one near or far.

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WE REMARKED

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IMPORTANT PATENTS

The General Electric Company
May Exact Tribute.

COVER METHODS OF TRANSMISSION

Railways Are Not Affected, as They Use
Direct Currents, but the Lighting
Companies May Have to Pay
Immense Royalties.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The patent office has granted three important patents to the General Electric Company of New York, on the transmission of electrical energy, covering a period of several years. Should the supreme court of the United States uphold these patents millions of dollars in royalties must be paid by the Westinghouse and other electrical companies.

These patents are of greater importance to the electrical world than any granted in years, as the appliances covered by the patents are being used by the large electric lighting concerns in all the large cities.

Mr. Greeley, assistant commissioner of patents, says:

"The patents cover broadly the idea of generating high tension currents and transmitting them through a wire or by means of induction coils, or transformers, into low tension currents of high tensioned currents, as the case may be, for distribution. By this process there is much less leakage, and the currents can be sent a greater distance."

"There is far more danger in these currents, as they are too high tensioned to be used in lighting or for power purposes."

"The system now patented, however, enables the electrical company to transmit heavy currents into low tension by sending the high tension through a fine wire coil by a transformer, which has a coarser wire wound around it. The high tension current generates by inducing a current of lower tension in a coil of coarser wire. By this process the current can be regulated at will."

"There is no doubt that the patents cover systems which are very largely in use at the present time. They are very broad. They will probably more largely affect the Westinghouse company than any other electrical concern in this country and in all probability will result in lower drawn out lawsuits."

"They will also affect the electric roads, because they use what is known as the direct current. These patents have reference to what is known as the alternating current. It is largely used for lighting purposes, but not, I think, for power purposes."

"Of course the General Electric company will be entitled to royalties whenever this system is in use, and it will be impossible to even estimate the amount of money involved in this particular case. It will certainly run up into the millions."

Rudolph Hunter Confident.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Rudolph M. Hunter of this city asserts that the three patents issued to him cover the broad principle used in all the apparatus manufactured by some of the largest electrical companies, including the General Electric, the Westinghouse, the Siemens & Halske and the Walker companies.

He says one patent is especially very broad and will cover all alternating work for 17 years. His application for a patent on this idea, he says, was filed in the patent office 15 years ago. He asserts that many important plants in the United States are based on an infringement of his principle. He believes his patent will be sustained and says its value will be fabulous.

Another patent is very broad, he says, but was purchased from him by the General Electric company several years ago. Application for it was filed several years after the application for the broader one, he asserts, however, and it is therefore subordinate.

The third patent is also owned by the General Electric company. It is assigned to cover the "step up" transformer system of increasing the tension or pressure, he says, such as is used in the "Tesla coil" for the X ray apparatus.

William Terrell Buried.
LONDON, Dec. 22.—The funeral of William Terrell, the actor who was stabbed to death outside the Adelphi theater by a super named Richard Arthur Prince, otherwise named Arthur, took place yesterday at Brompton cemetery. There was in immense crowd of people present. The principal mourners were the two sons of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hicks, the Messrs. Gatti, Sir Henry Irving, Mr. Charles Wyndham and Mr. George Grossmith.

King of Dudes in Trouble Again.
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The reason why Richard Mandelbaum refused to press the charge against J. Walden Kirk, whom he accused of shooting him at the Hotel Grand on Nov. 13 is now known. Mandelbaum has been a suit against his wife for absolute divorce. In his affidavit he names Kirk as co-respondent and alleges that the trouble occurred on the very night on which the western man shot the plaintiff.

The Wreck Was Fatal.
ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 22.—As a result of the freight wreck, caused by a runaway train on the Pennsylvania railroad, three men lost their lives and damage to the extent of \$75,000 was done to locomotives and freight and passenger cars of the Pennsylvania company. The dead are S. Koster, Hagaman, Ind.; Charles J. Hunter, brakeman; S. C. Corbin, brakeman.

Hotel and Theater Burned.
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—The Adelphi, the largest and most fashionable west of Chicago, and the Auditorium hotel, a famous hostelry, have been destroyed by fire. The loss on the property, which is owned by Alexander Peizer, a local business man, is between \$200,000 and \$300,000, with but \$75,000 of insurance.

In Behalf of American Horses.
DENVER, Dec. 22.—Charles E. Stubbs started last night for Europe as a special envoy of the government appointed by Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department to encourage the use of the American horse in the armies of Europe.

QUINCY WINS AGAIN.

Boston's Mayor Once More
Defeats ex-Mayor Curtis.

SMALL VOTE POLLED BY MR. RILEY.

The Democrats Make Gains in the Suburban and Back Bay Republican Wards, but None of Special Notice in Their Own Strongholds.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Mayor Quincy was re-elected in the municipal election by a decreased plurality over ex-Mayor Curtis, his opponent of two years ago, and the city, which was Republican at the state election last month, is again Democratic by about 1,000. The attempt to split the Democratic vote in the city by vigorous work on the part of Thomas Riley, running as a "Populist Democrat," proved futile. His rallies were crowded and his audiences apparently intensely loyal, but less than 3,000 voters supported him at the polls. The Democrats, as a rule, remaining loyal.

Notwithstanding the strong effort which was made by the Republicans to get out a heavy vote in the suburban and Back Bay wards, which usually poll heavy Republican majorities, Mayor Quincy made great gains over the vote for Williams at the state election, while in some cases there was a decided falling off in the vote of the opposition. On the other hand, the usually strong Democratic wards, where the registration for this election has been very heavy, did not show any special gains for the Democratic candidate, and in some cases there was a decrease.

The surprise of the election was undoubtedly the small vote for Riley. Even in the wards where he made his greatest effort and where he was backed by young politicians who claimed to have a strong backing, only a few were found in his support at the polls, while in his own precinct he received but two votes. With such a spirited campaign and with such apparent interest in the outcome of the contest, together with the greatest registration in the history of the city, it was generally supposed a remarkably heavy vote would be cast. It was therefore disappointing to find that the total vote was but little over that of two years ago, when the registration was 91,439, to 102,150 at the present election. Where at the last contest between Quincy and Curtis 84 per cent of the registration voted, less than 75 per cent was polled at the present election.

The total vote, with one precinct missing, is as follows: Quincy (Dem.), 39,707; Curtis (Rep.), 35,741; Riley (Bryan Dem.), 2,885; Goldstein (Socialist), 775.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: New Jersey—Titusville, G. O. Harbort, Pennsylvania—Downey, John A. Lowry, High Lake, John A. Carey, Irish Rippel, C. M. Hunter; Tennessee, Daniel Sipe, Kingsport, J. B. Gerhard, Lanesville, S. B. McShaffer; Illinois, Oscar K. Bowersox; Millroy, W. E. Brown; Meyer, Amos S. Murphy; New Geneva, William Davenport; Nevada Valley, Alfred Chubb; Railroad, H. Schroeder; Smithfield, A. J. Sutton; Vermont—East Brattleboro, Eugene G. Ash, New York—Cattaraugus, C. F. Wheeler; Edwards, William J. McFadden; Seneca Castle, R. S. Schoonmaker; Storm King, John J. Lynch.

The Silver Hoax Released.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Assistant Secretary Spaulding has issued orders for the release of the Silver Hoax, at Wilmington, N. C. This step was taken on a report by the United States attorney that he could obtain no evidence upon which to proceed against the vessel. The master, mate and crew all swore that the vessel left New York Oct. 17 and was drifting at sea for 30 days on account of storms and bad weather until she reached Wilmington. The master and mate swore the vessel had no arms or ammunition aboard and did not deliver any.

Coroner Finds Guilty.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 22.—Coroner Mix filed his report upon the death of Grace Dearborn. It alleges that the girl came to her death from the effects of a criminal operation performed by Dr. A. E. Bond. The report was turned over to Assistant City Attorney Webb, and at a late hour yesterday afternoon a warrant was issued charging Dr. Bond with murder in the second degree. The papers were served on him to the police jail where he has been held on a coroner's warrant since Friday evening.

Big Bull Brown Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—William Brown, known to all lovers of baseball through his United States as Big Bull Brown, is dead. About two years ago Brown, who was once a perfect specimen of physical manhood, became afflicted with lung trouble. He sought relief in the Hawaiian Islands, southern California and Arizona, but in vain. He was 32 years old.

Her Knife Was Deadly.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 22.—Ida Lemon and Queenie Skinner indulged in a vicious street fight last night. The Lemon woman used a knife with probably deadly effect on her adversary, cutting her on the neck and breast. Clara Duncan, who attempted to stop the fight, was also badly lacerated. All the parties are either in the hospital or jail.

Meriden Goes Democratic.

MERIDEN, Conn., Dec. 22.—The city election resulted in a Democratic victory. Amos Ives, the Democratic nominee for mayor, defeated his Republican opponent, Arthur S. Lane, by about 350 majority. Democratic aldermen and councilmen were elected in three out of the five wards.

The Outdown to Stand.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 22.—At a meeting of the manufacturers' committee it was decided that no change should be made in the plans for a curfew law, already outlined. The reduction will go into effect Jan. 3.

McBride's Crocker's Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The partners of the estate of the late C. F. Crocker today filed a report placing the value of the property at \$7,012,120.

Louis Tanty
formerly Chef of Napoleon III and the Imperial family of Russia, says:
"I will never think of preparing for myself frying fat so long as I will be able to get Cottolene, and I firmly believe that there is no neutral frying material except the most expensive and pure olive oil, equal to Cottolene for frying purposes."

Cottolene
is pure vegetable oil combined with choice beef suet, and is healthful, appetizing, digestible. Endorsed by eminent physicians, and recommended by cooking experts as in every way preferable to lard or animal fat. The genuine Cottolene is sold everywhere in one to ten pound yellow tins, with our trade mark—"Cottolene" and steer's head in cotton-patch wrapper on every tin. Not guaranteed if sold in any other form. Made only by
THE N. E. FAIRBANK COMPANY,
Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Montreal.

TOMPKINS' NEW DRY GOODS STORE, Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown. From Now Until Christmas Day, Grand Sale of Toys and Holiday Gifts for All.

Our store in its Holiday Dress is like a glimpse of Fairyland. Magnificent display and tempting novelties attract the eye of the visitor. Holiday gifts are grouped in rich assortments all over the place, with immense assortments of stock, extra salespeople, everything to make holiday shopping with us a comfort as well as an economy, has been done. We point with pride to our splendid selections of goods suitable for Holiday Gifts for young and old, and to the alluring low prices at which we are able to sell them.

DOLLS.
A Beauty Show.
Our Doll Exhibit is incomparably superior to any exhibition you may have formed from what you see elsewhere.

Dressed Dolls and Dolls to Dress
of all activities and complexions. No description can do them justice. All should come and see them. Note these prices, much lower than elsewhere. Here are a few price lists:

500 China Dolls Each 3c.
12c China Dolls each 7c. 25c Dressed Dolls each 15c. 50c Kid Body Dolls, bisque head and flowing hair, each 35c. 50c Dressed Dolls each 25c. \$1 Dressed Dolls and Kid Body Dolls each 75c.

One Thing
We want to say here. While we have a reasonably large quantity of everything advertised here, we don't guarantee every lot to last until Christmas. The early comers will find everything advertised here.

TOYS.
The Most Substantial Toys for Children
are those made of Malleable Iron. At Tompkins' you will buy them much lower than elsewhere—Eve Stools 10 and 15c, worth 15 to 25c. Tin Stoves, with furniture, 5 and 10c, worth 10 and 15c. Tin Kitchen, with furniture, 10 and 15c. Iron Wagon and Ho, see value 30c. at 25c. Fire Engine, Horse and Driver value 50c. at 40c. Big Iron State Bunkie 25 and 40c. Iron Ranges 25 and 40c. A few very large ones \$1.00. Big Iron Wagons \$1.00. Iron Passenger Trains, 10c size, 35c. Iron Surrey, with horse 25c. Iron Coal Cart, with driver, 10c. Iron Coal Cart 10c. Big Hook and Ladder or Fire Engine, with ho, see and remain, a regular \$1.50 toy, at 85c.

Other Toys.
Doll Cradles, large ones, 10, 15, 25c. Black boards 25, 35c. with changeable figures 75c. Tool chests 35, 50c. and higher. Wooden Hay Carts, with handles, 10c. Boys' (concrete) Sleighs 10 and 25c. Toy Wheelbarrows 10c. Doll Sings 3c. Nine Pins, per set, 10, 15, 25c. Babies' Rattles, Toys, Trucks, Trampers, Child's Sets, consisting of knife, fork and spoon, 10 and 15c. See. Shoo Fly Baby's Rattles, horses, the kind that cannot fall over, 75c. Card Games of all kinds 5 and 10c. China tea Sets, nicely decorated and put up in C. Cronk box, 25c. Drums, the flat, tall, wood or brass, all prices. Toy Pianos in every style.

How Beautiful the Store Looks in Its Holiday Attire.
Every section trimmed up to look its prettiest. Everywhere you chance to glance something new. A stroll through the store will prove an hour's enjoyable entertainment.

A Great Handkerchief Sale.
It was said of a great physician, by one of his pupils: "He always attends to my case as if he had only one case to think of." We aim to sell Handkerchiefs as if we sold nothing else, and we know of no other store in Middletown like this one. In holiday time Handkerchiefs prevailed the whole store at prices astonishingly low.

At 3c Each.
200 dozen colored border, hem stitched Handkerchiefs.

At 5c Each.
Embroidered, plain hem stitched and lace edge Handkerchiefs.

At 10c Each.
Fine plain white, hem stitched beautiful Swiss embroidered and men's or ladies' initial Handkerchiefs.

At 12 1/2c Each.
Ladies' elegant fine Swiss embroidered, men's initial silk, initial Handkerchiefs.

At 15c Each.
Ladies' fine initial hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' silk, hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' fine Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs.

At 25c Each.
Ladies' very fine embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 35c.

At 40c Each.
Ladies' all linen beautiful embroidered Handkerchiefs, men's silk initial Handkerchiefs, beautiful goods and worth 75c each.

Christmas Gloves.
You've heard of the old lady who knit mittens and said she lost on every pair. How could she do it? Couldn't she find only that she sold so many. That's not far from true with our Christmas Gloves.

Child's Kid Mittens.
Nicely lined for tops, 50c a pair.

Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves
or Mittens, lined, fur tops, \$1 a pair.

Ladies' Fine Silk Mittens
\$1.00.

Holiday Umbrellas.
A most suitable Christmas present. Nowhere can you buy them at these prices. Umbrellas with fancy Canopy, Wash Colored and Dresden handles \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50 each.

Silks and Dress Goods.
A standard holiday gift for ladies. The one thing that you cannot make a mistake on, for there isn't a woman in the land who would not appreciate a handsome new dress. Tompkins' Silk and Dress Goods Department is replete with beautiful goods, and the prices throughout are very much lower than goods of equal excellence can be bought elsewhere.

Ladies' Fine Jackets.
It is usual to wait until after the holidays to mark down prices of jackets. Every jacket we have must be sold this season so we have made after-holiday prices right now. If you need a jacket yourself or think of making a Christmas present of one, you will get it at Tompkins' at the usual after-holiday price now. This extraordinary lot of jackets consists in part of the following styles:

Double Breasted Fly Front Coats
of rich curly Cord, fastened high at neck, roll up at collar, tailor back, half lined with silk serise. Ladies' fine imported black Kersey (cloth) jackets, all satin lined, strapped seams, 27 or high bottomed fronts, new style storm collar, all sizes 25 to 40c.

Misses' Reef Jackets.
Several styles nicely made with wide sailor collars.

Holiday Books.
One for each Round Book, many different titles, at 10c each. ANOTHER LOT (LATE) BOYND BOOKS, etc. elsewhere, at Tompkins' 15c each.

Cups and Saucers.
We made a lucky purchase of a lot of Cups and Saucers, and they are already decorated Monday. We start to sell these goods at half regular price. Worth 20c at 15c, worth 30c at 15c, worth 50c at 25c. Fine Gift Plates 10c each.

Table Covers and Curtains.
A Table Cover is like your hat, or nose or front door. It is the prominent feature that dominates the surroundings. These make useful Christmas presents.

Chenille Table Covers
75c, 90c and \$1.25 each.

Fine Damask Linen Table Covers
Figured, \$1, \$1.50 and \$1.75, according to size.

Chenille Portiere Curtains
\$1.25 and \$2.25 per pair.

Blankets.
Continuation sale of the largest and most attractive Blanket stock in this city. Entire stock direct from the mills, no intermediate costs or profits. We start at 35c a pair for a fair article this lot is slightly imperfect; then 75c, and offer at 50c a blanket that has positively not been equalled for less than \$1.25. \$2 Blanket for \$1.50. \$2.50 Blanket for \$1.95. \$3 Blanket at \$2.25. \$3.75 Blanket at \$2.95. 100% Blanket, article all wool warp and filling, finished both sides, \$3.95 a pair.

Fine California Wool Blankets
\$1.98, \$4.50 and \$7.75 a pair.

REMEMBER THE LOCATION, Nos. 6-8 EAST MAIN STREET.

SEE What the Largest Dry Goods House in the City Says About TRADING STAMPS!

Weller & Demerest, No. 3 West Main St.,
Middletown, Dec. 15, 1897.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
Dry Goods, Specialties,
Cloaks and Dress Goods.

Edward Noiar, Mgr. Middletown Trading Stamp Co.

Dear Sir: Trading Stamps are as good as GOLD. WELLER & DEMEREST.

Trading Stamps are a cash discount given by enterprising merchants that want your trade
Always Ask for Them. We have stores in all the leading cities of the country. Our stamps are interchangeable, and will be redeemed at any of our stores.

COUPON—GOOD FOR TEN TRADING STAMPS
If presented at our store with Stamp Book on or before Dec. 22 '97
ONLY ONE COUPON REDEEMED FROM SAME PERSON.
Middletown Trading Stamp Co., No. 5 North Street
EDWARD NOLAN, Manager.

We are the originators of the Trading Stamp system, and have over \$500,000 invested, and are HERE TO STAY.
Middletown Trading Stamp Co., No. 5 North Street.
EDWARD NOLAN, Manager. Buy of Merchants Only That Give You Trading Stamps.

THE H-O Co.'s
Dairy Feed
FOR SALE BY
WOOD & HORTON.
TELEPHONE 202.
112 Genung St., N. Y. S. & W. R. R.

Reduction in Prices
OR
Gas and Electric Light
The following prices take effect
or business commencing
February 1st, 1898:
GAS RATES.

Under 500 feet, per month..... \$2.25 per M
500 to 10,000 feet, per month..... 2.50 per M
10,000 to 20,000 feet, per month..... 1.90 per M
Over 20,000 feet, per month..... 1.50 per M
Five per cent discount from above prices if bills are paid on or before the 15th.
Meter rent charged on all bills of less than \$1 per month, net.

ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES.

65 hundredths of a cent per ampere-hour.
Minimum bill 50 cents per month.
Small, cut-down or being the equivalent of 110 candle power lamps or under, by contract, according to service.
Extra meter of the first of each month, payable on or before the 15th, after which date a per cent. additional will be charged.
All lamp rentals at 15 cents each.

Middletown Gas and Electric Light Co.
—dWed, Sat Feb 1—

FOR SALE.
The property of B. F. Todd, 74 East avenue, Middletown, 12 rooms, with all modern improvements, including steam heat. Good barn and carriage house. Large yard and abundance of fruit. Easy terms.

GARDNER & McWILLIAMS.
25 North St. Lipfield Building

Your Watch Needs Cleaning!
We have no doubt it does. Nine out of every ten watches that fail to give their owners satisfaction and cleaning and oiling. Sometimes the owner neglects it too long and the result is worn pivots and general dereliction on the part of the watch.

A GOOD WATCH IS THE CHEAPEST
EST in the LONG RUN,
and it is carefully cleaned and oiled once a year, it will last a lifetime, yes, a hundred years. Such a watch is a source of satisfaction to its owner. He can meet an emergency or catch a train and never have to excuse himself with—"my watch must be slow."

Watches Examined, Regulated and Set Free of Charge.
Visitors are always welcome.

CHAS. J. GIERING, JEWELER,
NO. 7 NORTH ST., MIDDLETOWN

For Sale!
40 ORANGE CO. FARMS.

All sizes and prices, and in various sections of the country. Some very desirable bargains. Free descriptive catalogues on application at office or by mail. Owners anxious to get the whole always employ a broker, hence you are more likely to secure a bargain at my agency; anyway you have a large lot to select from, and about you want a home and lot or other property in the beautiful and thrifty city of Middletown, at a genuine bargain, apply at my office. Correspondence solicited.

A. V. BOAK,
Real Estate Broker, 35 North St.

"POTTY."
C. H. Worcester Repairs Everything
Bicycles, Sewing Machines, Lawn Mowers, Guns, Umbrellas, Rollers, Steam, Water and Gas Engines, Pumps, Shavers, Scissors, Knives, Razors, Lawns, etc., EVERYTHING.
No. 24 West Main Street, in basement, next to I. O. Kanyos & Son's grocery. Attn. Th. Saitz

WANTED!
Pure Good Oaten or Scotch pair farin horses. Address particulars at once. G. F. HARDY, Wm.

A Handsome Car
is one of the greatest possessions. Pozzoni's gives it.

BUSINESS CARDS.

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THE EXTENSIVE BONA-FIDE CIRCULATION of the ARGUS and MERCURY makes them excellent advertising mediums. Being the only Democratic papers published in Middletown, they have a field exclusively their own. Rates on application.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Light snow; clearing Thursday.

THE TEMPERATURE.
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
8 a. m., 24°; 12 m., 32°; 3 p. m., 32°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.
—Dec. 21—Vernon Brothers' entertainment, 1st Congregational Church.
—Dec. 22—McQuoid Engine Co. hop.
—Dec. 22, 23, 24—W. C. T. U. Fair.
—Dec. 22—Base Ball at the Armory.
—Dec. 22—Ball of Phœnix Engine Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 25—Vaudeville Stars, at Casino.
—Dec. 27—"Miss Brivity of Hong Kong," at Casino.
—Dec. 28—Excellior Social.
—Dec. 30—Ball of Ontario Hose Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 31—Masquerade ball, at Casino, under Geo. Lea's management.
—Jan. 1—"Bible" Williams' benefit at Casino.
—Jan. 2—Excellior Social.
—Jan. 24—John Thomas Concert Co., Y. M. C. A., at Casino.

Perry Belmont is said to have been picked out by Richard Croker as the most available candidate for Governor. Ex-Senator Hill's candidature is understood to be John B. Stanchfield, of Elmira, his former law partner.

Many Republican Senators and Representatives are bitterly criticizing Secretary Gage's course in forcing his currency reform scheme on the attention of Congress at this time. They say that there is no possibility of any such bill passing the Senate and that its discussion now can have no other effect to disrupt the Republican party. All of which is an admission that the Republican party is not as solid for "honest money" as its campaign professions seemed to indicate.

The State canvassers found that 70,180 citizens, who doubtless intended to vote for Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, disfranchised themselves by voting blank or defective ballots which were returned as void. The void ballots were about one-sixteenth of the total vote. In other words one voter in sixteen was unable to solve successfully the intricacies of the present system of voting. Inasmuch as the object of elections is not to disfranchise citizens but to secure an expression of popular sentiment, it would seem to be the duty of the Legislature to take some of the kinks out of the ballot law now in force.

W. H. Jordan, Director of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, warns farmers against the creamery "boomer," who has "long been a curse to American dairymen," who is operating in the State and using the name of the Experiment Station as an endorsement to his schemes. Mr. Jordan, in the name of the Experiment Station, repudiates all connection with the circular and takes occasion to warn farmers against the methods of creamery agents who organize creamery companies in order to sell them creamery fixtures at from \$5,000 to \$7,500, which any reputable business house would supply for \$2,000 or \$3,000. If farmers in any locality want to start a creamery the Agricultural Department of Cornell University or the Experiment Station will advise them how to do so in the most efficient and economical manner.

The new coal "alliance," which J. Pierpont Morgan is reported to have organized, will, it is carried out on the lines proposed, be more far-reaching in its effects and influences than any trust ever organized in this country. Mr. Morgan, who has entrenched himself in the management of the leading coal roads and who has established close and friendly relations with those in whose direction he is not represented, proposes, it is said, to have the entire anthracite output of all the roads bought by a central distributing agency, which will fix prices, regulate output and determine the allotments of the different roads. It is also proposed to do away with middlemen by appointing a selling agent in each city and village, of whom consumers will have to buy, for with all roads in the "alliance" no one else can get a ton of coal to sell. Middletown dealers say that they have known for some time that a combination such as is outlined above was under consideration, and they are naturally anxious now that its consummation seems assured. It is asserted that the proposed alliance will net \$20,000,000 to the coal roads in a year by securing to them the profits that now go to middlemen. This may be true, but in order to grasp this sum the "alliance" coolly proposes to run thousands of worthy men by depriving them of their means of livelihood.

If you feel weak, dull and discouraged you will find a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla will do you a wonderful good.

RUSSIAN-CHINESE ALLIANCE.

Russian Influence All Potent in China—British Engineers to Be Dismissed.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PERKIN, Dec. 22.—China has granted Russia permission to winter her squadron at Port Arthur. Great Britain demands a *quid pro quo* if concessions have been made to other powers. It has been suggested that the Japanese and British occupy Wei-hai-wei jointly.

Regarding the Kia Chou Bay matter the Chinese counselors are divided as to whether it should be peace or war with Germany.

China is taking advice from Russia alone, and British influence is nil, having suffered through the failure of the loan negotiations. China is now negotiating a loan with Russia.

The latter demands the dismissal of the British railroad engineers in North China, which will probably be granted. The German drill instructors will also be dismissed at the expiration of their contracts and will be replaced by Russians. Russian officers have already been appointed to drill the army in North China.

MASKED ROBBERS' VICTIM DIES

WILTON, Mass., Dec. 23.—David Lambert, who was shot by masked burglars, Friday night, died at 1:20 this morning, without having regained consciousness.

PROSECUTOR WINFIELD ILL.

A Former Orange County Boy Who Has Long Been Prominent in Jersey City.

Hon. Charles H. Winfield, who has been Prosecutor of the Pleas in Hudson County, N. J., for many years, is reported to be seriously ill at his home in Jersey City. He has been overworked and the recent scandal in his office, growing out of the alleged acceptance of a bribe by one of his assistants, has so worried him as to cause a complete breaking down.

Mr. Winfield was born in the town of Deepark where his brother, Daniel F. Winfield, still resides. He is well remembered by many Orange county Democrats who have heard the eloquent addresses which he has delivered in presidential campaigns.

LEA'S MASQUERADE CARNIVAL.

George Lea's masquerade ball will be held at the Casino on Friday evening, Dec. 31, 1897. Elaborate preparations have been made by Mr. Lea to make this ball the event of the season.

A number of very useful presents will be given away. Full particulars and where the presents are displayed can be learned by reading his advertisement and hand bills scattered around town.

TURTLE AND HORSE NOTES.

—The *Turt. Field and Farm* suggests that the next meeting of the New York State Trotting Horse Breeders' Association be held on the Goshen Driving Park. The election of Mr. Harrison to the presidency of the Association makes it eminently proper that its meeting should be held on the track which he controls.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

—Part of the business connected with the transfer of freight to the New England road, having been transferred to the Erie New York office, three of the clerks in the Newburgh office have been discharged.

HOW'S THIS!

We offer One hundred dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

P. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, Ohio.

We, the undersigned, have known P. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Wadding, Kinnear & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 50c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pin Syrup in the house saves doctors' bills, saves trouble, and very often saves precious lives. Gives almost instant relief in cases of coughs, colds, or lung troubles of any sort.

"My husband had two cancers taken from his face, and another was coming on his lip. He took two bottles of Bardon Blood Bitters and it disappeared. He is completely well."—Mrs. Wm. Kirby, Akron, Erie county, N. Y.

ITCHING SKIN DISEASES

Scrub! Cure Treatment for itching, disfiguring, itching, burning, and itchy skin and scalp diseases with loss of hair. Wash with CUTICURA Soap, gentle application of CUTICURA Ointment, and full dose of CUTICURA Resolvent, restores blood purifiers and humor cures.

RED ROUGH HANDS

The Largest Variety of Men's
FELT RUBBER BOOTS!
THE PRICES WILL PLEASE YOUR POCKETBOOK.
5 WEST MAIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN.
Ayres' New Shoe Store.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Woman's Relief Corps of Capt. Jackson Post Chooses Officers for the Coming Year.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Capt. Wm. A. Jackson Post has completed its election of officers, as follows:
President—Mrs. W. H. Wood.
Senior Vice President—Miss Mary H. Irwin.
Junior Vice President—Mrs. B. S. Keeler.
Chaplain—Mrs. D. C. Roe.
Secretary—Mrs. R. O. Lewis.
Treasurer—Mrs. A. Gottwald.
Conductor—Mrs. D. W. Babcock.
Assistant Conductor—Mrs. W. H. McQuoid.
Guard—Mrs. J. H. Conkling.
Assistant Guard—Mrs. Ritz.
Delegates—Mrs. R. O. Lewis and Mrs. Wm. Malone.
The installation occurs January 4.

Programme at W. C. T. U. Fair, To-night.

At the W. C. T. U. fair, at the Union's rooms, 134 North street, the following programme will be rendered to-night:
Sleigh Bell Quartet.
Vocal Duet, "Mr. and Miss Conkling."
Mrs. Gavaille and Miss Campbell.
Vocal Duet, "Vera Gavaille and Joie Treats."
Recitation, "Frances Groo."
Duet, "Mr. Wheat and Miss Campbell."
Sleigh Bell Quartet.
Mr. and Miss Conkling.

BACKACHE AND RHEUMATISM relieved by Dr. Williams' Nerve Plasters

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT
JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.
Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

	NEW YORK, Dec. 22, '97.	Yesterday	Today
Sugar	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Tobacco	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Chicago Lead	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Nat. Lead	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
General Electric	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
U. S. L. pref.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Tenn. Coal and Iron	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
A. T. & S. F.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
C. B. & Q.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
R. I.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
D. L. & W.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
C. of N. J.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Erie	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
D. and H.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
O. & W.	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
St. Paul & Northern Pac.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
St. Paul & Northern Pac.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
P. & R.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
N. Y. C.	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
M. P.	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Texas	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
U. P.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
W. Union	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
L. & N.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Manhattan	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
P. M.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Wabash, pref.	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
W. Pacific, pref.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Southern Ry.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Southern Ry.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
May Wheat	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
May Corn	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
May Oats	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Jan. Pork	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Jan. Lard	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2

These Make Suitable Holiday Gifts!
Kid Gloves for ladies, misses, gents, lined and unlined.
Handkerchiefs, all kinds, all prices. Umbrellas start at 75c stop at \$5. Mackintoshes \$5 and up. Silk Petticoats \$7 to \$12.75. Wool Blankets \$4 to \$8.50. Wool Dress Patterns, Plain and Fancy Silks, Furs, Linen Goods, Traveling Bags and Fancy Articles in great variety. Cloaks at cut prices.

CARSON & TOWNER,
No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.

Our Holiday Hat is a beauty, Fur and Cloth Caps, all grades; Mittens and Gloves, all grades. Silk and cassimer Mufflers and Silk Handkerchiefs. Silk Umbrellas or a nice Mackintosh Coat, Underwear and Hosiery.
Ready-made Clothing Sale—We are selling it fast at the price we are offering it at. People know good goods. Now is your time to buy a Suit, Overcoat or Ulster Coat. We want the money and they must go.
MERCHAND TAILORING DEPARTMENT.
Is booming with orders. We still have a good selection of Foreign and Domestic Cloths and people appreciate good work and style at our prices. All are invited to call at

JOHN E. ADAMS,
Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

We Exhibit an Immense Variety

OF
HOLIDAY ARTICLES!
Suitable to almost every buyer

1,000 fancy things from 5c to 50c, which are really pretty and useful presents, not transient trash of wood and wool.

Celluloid articles for the toilet—Fine perfume cases, toilet cases, manicure sets, collar and cuff boxes, and hundreds of other pretty and useful things.

100 Mechanical Toys at exactly one half regular price.

100 dozen Handkerchiefs 5, 10, 12 1/2, 15, 25c. 100 dozen initial handkerchiefs. The lowest prices ever asked for fine handkerchiefs.

Special prices for the holiday trade in plaids and dress patterns.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,
No. 39 North Street.

Holiday Presents.

Save money and buy at

"The Hub" Shoe Store,
13 West Main Street.

Next to Carson & Towner's.

Slippers 50c and up.

Boys' Rubber Boots—Sizes 11 to 13 1/2, \$1.15; sizes 1 to 5, \$1.50.

Men's Rubbers 45c.

LAST CALL ON CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Books! Nothing better for a Christmas gift. We have them for all ages and in all bindings.

Who is there that would not like an Eastman Kodak or Camera for a Christmas present?

Pocketbooks, Bill Books and Card Cases for ladies or gentlemen. We have the stock.

Photograph Albums are always in demand for gifts, and are always acceptable, too.

Traveling Sets, Necktie Cases, Shaving Sets and other things for the men folks.

Look through our stock. We have what will suit you and courteous people to show it to you.

Hanford & Horton,
No. 6 North St., Middletown.



A Christmas Display

of goods dear to the masculine heart we are displaying this week, for those who wish to please their male friends by gifts that will make them "rise up and call you blessed."

Fine Umbrellas, Men's Driving and Street Gloves, Scarfs, Mufflers, Fine Suspenders, House Coats, Smoking Jackets, Ulsters, Overcoats, Horse Blankets and Robes.

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Smith & Angell's Hosiery
in cotton and wool. Guaranteed not to crock off. We have them for either men, women or children

Pocketbooks of All Descriptions

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Novelties.

We Give Trading Stamps.

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DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF

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All our COAL is screened by the POCKET SYSTEM, thereby insuring to the consumer clean coal.

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Our store is lively with a rush of buyers

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Our stock is the kind of presents appreciated most by men and boys.

Ours is the useful kind.

We have received, today, New Neckwear, Gloves, Mufflers, etc.

MORRIS B. WOLF
No. 10 North St., Middletown.

AT STERN'S.
A Few Items Worth Mentioning.

Our Millinery Department is as near perfection as it can be made. The entire winter stock is all in—no need for ladies waiting for other styles. Endless variety of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Winter Cloaks. We are acknowledged leaders in these lines. Our assortment is too large and the space too small to mention the different designs and prices. Come and see. Ladies' Shirt Waists in all prices. We have a fine Outing Flannel Waist at 48c. A Plaid Waist, latest cut, detachable collar and cuffs for 98c.—A beauty. Have sold over 25 dozen. Nice enough to wear to a ball. Over 200 Silk Waists in stock. Every style and quality represented from \$2.49 up. No such assortment elsewhere. All at our Handsome Store. If you need a Separate Dress Skirt, remember, we are headquarters.

L. STERN 13-15 NORTH ST.

It Has Seemed Like Old Times

Our Warerooms for the Last
Few Days.

We have actually been unable to give every one of our patrons the attention we would like, but we are not surprised, as we have just the goods the public want for Christmas presents, and the prices are not much more than half of former years. Novelties in Furniture, Crochery and Bric-a-Brac on every hand. We set out this year with the determination to remove the necessity for any person going out of town to buy their X-mas presents. We can suit everybody from 1 cent to \$100. Just think what a nice present a first-class Sewing Machine at \$17.50 or a \$75 Orange County Express Bicycle at \$40 would make. Respectfully

C. Emmet Crawford,

44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

Christmas Gifts, dainty and pleasing!

Fine Perfumery, Toilet Water, Cologne, etc., our own make in pretty bottles and boxes, all in good taste, all at moderate cost. Come and see for yourself

Our Italian Violet is the marvel of the day; who wouldn't be pleased with it? There's not much in a name, other perfumers use the name Italian Violet—but it is our Extract Italian Violet which alone creates a sensation among lovers of sweet scents. It is wholly different from any other—rivalling fresh Violets.

Or perhaps a real good hair brush would please you; these we have, firm hard bristles in solid backs—a perfect brush.

Or a box of Elegant Toilet Soap or—or—or—

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy).

Huyler's Candies for the holidays at

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St.

CHRISTMAS

you wish to make as many presents this year as last and can only afford half the amount of money to devote to them, call and see us, where you can buy all kinds of

FURNITURE and CROCKERY

at prices to suit your pocketbooks.

Handsone Rockers

of every description, for many of which we have the sole agency.

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LAMPS

that speak for themselves.

Goodies can be selected any time and be delivered CHRISTMAS EVE. Be glad to have you come and see our stock, whether you purchase or not.

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FRANCE & HATHAWAY,

27 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Christmas goods at Geo. B. Adams & Co.'s.
—Holiday gifts at H. E. Churchill & Co.'s.
—See First National Bank report.
—Department of Public Instruction.
—Royce & Fote, dentists. See card.
—Last call. See Hamilton & Horton's adv.
—It is day presents at The Hub.
—New styles of shoes at Geo. A. Swain & Son's.
—Suit cases \$1.50 up at Matthews & Co.'s.
—Turkey raffle at Franklin House.
—Raffle at 5 John street.
—Two good men wanted.
—Poultry of all kinds at K. Dugdale's.
—Dyspepsia cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.
—Pilo's Care for coughs and colds.
—Constipation cured by Cascarets.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.

—There will be no band meeting, this week.

—Are you going to see Dorothy Morton at the Casino, next Monday evening?

—Pretty, pleasing, petite Dorothy Morton at the Casino, next Monday evening.

—R. Dugdale has opened a meat market corner of West Main and Union streets.

—The Hudson Valley Horticultural Society will meet in Newburgh, Feb. 9th and 10th.

—The armory flag staff is now in position and it will take a strong wind to dislodge it.

—Gothold's company of vaudeville artists and specialty performers at the Casino, Christmas evening.

—A horse belonging to Clarence G. Seward, of Delosbottown, slipped and broke his leg, Tuesday afternoon.

—Phoenix Engine Company's thirty-eighth annual ball occurs at the Assembly Rooms, to-morrow night.

—Remember Phoenix's ball is the next dance on the card. It will be held in the Assembly Rooms, to-morrow night.

—The Ulster County Agricultural Society received \$1,202 from the State this year and paid in premiums \$1,236.80.

—Charles H. Dix, for thirteen years in the hotel business at Monroe, will retire on Jan. 1st on account of failing health.

—Despite the nuptial and weather many country people have been in town, today, and most of the stores have been busy.

—Tickets for the "Rilly" Williams entertainment at the Casino, Jan. 7, are on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's, North street.

—The "Birchbiter's" Association, of Newburgh, propose paying a farewell visit to Under Sheriff Howell, at the Newburgh court house, Thursday night.

—The lovers of indoor base ball will see a grand game at the Armory, to-night, between the regular team and the underdogs. The game commences at 8:30.

—Although there is but little snow the boys and girls have managed to find a few short stretches on which there is fairly good coating.

—Gilbert Carpenter is organizing a local telephone system in Monroe. About thirty subscribers have been obtained and it is expected to have everything ready for business by January.

—It cost Pike county \$1,415.66 to convict and hang Schultz and the taxpayers of Pike are all devoutly hoping that no more New York men will come into their county to kill their wives.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. H. K. Wilcox went to Deposit, today, to spend the holidays.

—Robert Dawkins, of Newark, N. J., is visiting relatives in this city.

—James Porter, of Poughkeepsie, is in town visiting relatives and friends.

—Dr. and Mrs. C. I. Redfield will receive, to-morrow evening, from 8 to 10.

—Superintendent of Poor Wood has been confined to his home for two weeks with grip.

—Mrs. George Moran went to New York city, today, to spend a few days with her father.

—Harry Farley, of Paterson, who has been visiting relatives in this city, returned home, today.

—Miss Ethel Otis, of New York city, is visiting at the home of her uncle, George G. Otis, on Bennett Hill.

—Charles Schellenbergh returned to Boston, today, after a few days' visit with his parents in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Birdsall Carpenter and Miss Libbie Carpenter, of VanBurenville, went to Pine Bush, today, to attend a wedding.

—Hon. B. B. Odell, Jr., who spent several days in Newburgh looking after business interests, returned to Washington, Monday. He was accompanied by his son, Walter.

Real Estate Sales.

—A. V. Boak, real estate broker, has sold for Bull & Youngblood their fine new house on the corner of Beattie avenue and Albert street to J. Edward Miller, of Stony Ford, who will probably occupy the same after April 1st next.

—The Chester correspondent of the Independent Republican says that Herbert Jenkins, of New York, whose marriage to Miss Carrie Conklin, of Chester, took place this fall, has purchased the C. H. C. Beakes property at Cornwall. Mr. Jenkins is a well known admirer of fine horses and Orange county is fortunate in securing him.

Bachelors' Christmas Hop.

On Friday night occurs the Bachelors' Christmas hop. It is always the "swell" hop of the season, and coming as it does on Christmas eve will be especially well attended this year. Many out of towners have already announced their intention of being present.

THE RUNAWAY BOYS.

Went North on the O. and W. Day Express Monday—A Letter from the Holden Boy Wailed in This City Tuesday Afternoon—What the Boys Told Their Young Friends.

Up to noon to-day no definite information had been received by Chief V. H. or Messrs. Campbell and Holden concerning the whereabouts of the runaway boys, Hoik B. Campbell and Arthur Holden.

Conductor Adgate, of O. and W. train one, which leaves this city at 10.55 a. m., thinks he carried the lads as far as Hancock Junction, on Monday.

That the boys had made a confidant of some one in this city is almost certain, for Mr. Holden received a letter, last evening, postmarked Middletown, 3:30 p. m., Dec. 21. It was in his son's handwriting, and in substance was as follows:

DEAR PA AND MA:—I have made up my mind that I am able to take care of myself. I am within ten miles of Middletown where you will be unable to find me.

ARTHUR H. HOLDEN.

It is thought by all concerned that this letter was written and left here by the boys, with one of their young friends, for the sole purpose of throwing their parents off the scent.

Several of the girl-friends of the boys have been interviewed and from one of them it was learned that Holden had announced that he and Hoik were going on a three weeks' visit to one of Hoik's uncles who lives in the central part of the State. Mr. Campbell has several brothers, but young Hoik has not seen them since he was a very small child. They will be communicated with at once however.

It has been ascertained that Leslie Mianer, the boy to whom Hoik gave his bank book, went as far as Bloomingburgh on the same train as the missing boys but returned to this city on the train reaching here at 4:20. He says that the runaways were not on that train.

UNCONSCIOUS ON THE TRACK.

An Old Man Who Had Wandered from Home Found Almost Dead from Exposure.

A track walker on the Montgomery branch of the Erie at 7:30 o'clock, Tuesday morning, found S. W. Eager, Sr., an aged man, lying unconscious from cold and exposure on the track, near the John P. Covert place. The morning trains were nearly due and had it not been for the timely arrival of the track walker the old man would without doubt have been run over and killed.

Mr. Eager was very thickly clad, having on only his trousers, shirt, night cap and a pair of light shoes. It is supposed that he wandered away from home about 11 o'clock, Monday night and roamed about till he fell exhausted on the track. He was badly cut about the head and face.

It is feared that he will not survive the exposure.

FUNERAL OF M. LEWIS CLARK.

Held at Grace Church, This Morning—Burial in Hillside Cemetery.

The remains of M. Lewis Clark arrived in this city from Buffalo on Erie train 10, this morning, accompanied by his son, Louis B., and daughter, Alice. The relatives went to the Commercial House, and the remains rested in Knapp & Merritt's rooms until the hour of services at Grace Church, 10:30. There were several floral tributes accompanying the remains, including an anchor from the employees of the D. L. and W. freight office at Buffalo.

Rector Evans conducted the services, and burial was in Hillside Cemetery. The bearers were George H. Decker, T. N. Little, John A. Wallace and A. V. Boak.

The Agricultural Society's Loss by the Recent Fire.

The Agricultural Society is quite a heavy loser by the fire which destroyed the barn on the fair grounds, for the \$1,000 received from the insurance company will not begin to replace the burned building with one as good. The burned building cost \$1,600, and the sheds, etc., which were also burned, \$500.

Athletic Sports at the Armory.

—The game of base ball at the Armory, to-night, between the Regulars and the Scrubs will draw a large crowd. This game is for the championship of the company. Game called at 8:30.

—Basket ball will be the attraction for Christmas afternoon, two strong teams will contest for the honors. Game called at 3:30. Admission 10 cents.

Phoenix Engine Company's Supper.

Phoenix Engine Company will hold a stag supper, Saturday night. Turkey will be the pièce de résistance.

The committee of arrangements consists of Clem. Atkins, H. F. Billenberger, and C. C. Dunlop.

Birth and Death of Triplets.

Triplets were born to Mrs. George Barnes, this morning, and: 11 died soon after.

Itching, Burning, Creeping, Crawling skin diseases relieved in a few minutes by Dr. Agnew's Ointment. Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves instantly and cures tetter, salt rheum, scald head, eczema, ulcers, blotches, and all eruptions of the skin. It is soothing and quieting and acts like magic in all baby humors, irritation of the scalp or rashes during teething time. 35 cents a box.

Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

HEALING IN HIS HANDS.

Boy Phenomenon Worked Many Amazing Miracles at the Casino, Tuesday Night.

There was a large attendance at the free exhibition of healing by the "Boy Phenomenon," Tuesday night. Many cripples were present, and after the boy had laid his hands upon them, several left their crutches upon the stage and walked through the audience. A woman who had been a sufferer from rheumatism for years, and who was unable to raise her hands to her face, was relieved of the stiffness, and she swung a chair over her head.

In the early evening, David L. Conkling was asked by Mrs. Stevens, who lives in a house opposite Wisner's sand bank, to take her husband, who was badly crippled with rheumatism, to the Casino to be treated by the boy magnetic healer. Mr. Conkling took the man in his wagon, as requested, and left him at the Casino. Some two hours later he returned to the Casino intending to give Mr. Stevens a ride home, but to his surprise he met that individual making his way out of the building, with his canes under his arm, and walking with the briskness and elasticity of youth. So confident was the man in his pedestrian powers that, notwithstanding the slippery footing, he refused a "lift" and said he would walk home, which he did at a lively pace the whole distance.

Among those who were treated was "Jake" Blakeney, who has long suffered from deafness. He said, last night, that although by no means cured he thought he could hear better than before the healer placed his fingers in his ears. Today, Mr. Blakeney has enough faith in the healer's power to give him another trial to-night.

An Agent representative saw the Boy Phenomenon at the Russell House this afternoon. He said that he was born in New Hampshire and is twenty-two years of age. He states that he has been all over the country dealing out health through the aid of his personal magnetism. His real name is Charles D. Finnell, and he is accompanied by Dr. F. Lavasseur, who diagnoses cases, and L. L. Sherman, manager.

The Boy Phenomenon expects to remain here about ten days, or as much longer as his cures are sought. He believes he had complete success with about ten applicants at the Casino, Tuesday night.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ROSENCRANS.

Held at the Bulville M. E. Church, Tuesday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Elmer C. Rosenkrans, of Walden, was held, Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, from the M. E. Church at Bulville. The services were conducted by Rev. Oscar Haviland, of Walden, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hayes, of Bulville. The bearers were Louis and Clarence D. Roberson, brothers of the deceased, and Theodore Burt, Samuel Roberson and Joseph Bull, cousins of the deceased.

Among the floral offerings was a pillow marked "D. O. L." from the Daughters of Liberty, of Walden, of which deceased was a member.

The interment was in the family plot in Bulville Cemetery.

BURIED AT NEWBURGH.

Remains of Julia Reed Who Died at the State Hospital Remained Here Embalmed for Ten Days.

The remains of Julia Reed, who died at the State Hospital about ten days ago, were taken in charge by Undertaker Rockafellow, and embalmed. The remains have been kept in Mr. Rockafellow's undertaking rooms until today, when, acting under instructions, they were taken to Newburgh for burial there.

The burial was under the directions sent by mail, of Mrs. A. R. Coolbaugh, a wealthy woman of Chicago.

SURPRISED MRS. WILLIAM HIGHAM

Party of Masked Friends Had a Jolly Time, Tuesday Night.

About twenty-five friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Higham gave the latter a surprise at their attractive home on East Main street, Tuesday night. The ladies of the party were masked. Cards and refreshments were added to the evening's fun, which was in honor of Mrs. Higham's birthday.

One of the ladies in the party was particularly well disguised, being attired in a complete uniform of Eagle Hose Company, the property of her husband. Another lady appeared in a gentleman's full dress suit.

Christmas Treat for Children of Christ Church Sunday School.

The Christ Church (Universalist) Sunday School will hold its Christmas festivities in the Assembly Rooms, Monday evening, Dec. 27. There will be a charming little opera presented by members of the school under the direction of Mrs. Emery, entitled "Santa Claus and Mother Goose." The opera will introduce the Christmas tree from which Santa Claus will distribute a remembrance to each member of the school.

Now is the time to get holiday candies at the Palace Confectionery, 31 North street. A fine assortment of chocolate candies at 30c., former price 50c. American mixed candies, 3 lbs. for 25c. French cream chocolates, 15c. lb. Broken candies, 3 lbs. for 25c. These candies are all made fresh for the holidays. Do not take our word for it, come and judge for yourself. Remember the place, Palace Confectionery Store, North street, 2743t

DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Sent to the Penitentiary—Cutting Prices of Meats—The Club's White Tournament—Christmas in the Church—Census Enumerators Appointed.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—Thomas Phillips, a homeless hobo who once had a home in Newark, started yesterday for Albany penitentiary, where he will serve a four months' term.

—The opening recently of two new meat markets has resulted in the wholesale slaughter of prices. For a modest sum a Goshenite can now live on the fat of the land.

—President Gott and W. H. Goodale are respectively the winners of the first and second prizes in the G. S. A. A. whist tournament. The entire tournament will be concluded on Thursday evening and the prizes awarded on Christmas eve.

—Christmas services will be held in the various churches as follows: St. James—communion service at midnight Christmas eve, and at 7:30 and 11 o'clock Christmas morning. On Sunday extra Christmas choral music will be rendered and on the evening of the 28th inst. the annual Christmas tree and festival will be given to the Sunday School. At the Presbyterian Church extra Christmas services will be held and on Sunday evening an augmented choral service and Christmas sermon will be given, and on Tuesday evening a quartette of soloists and a chorus of 150 voices will render Handel's grand old masterpiece, "The Messiah." It may not be regarded as sacrilegious to mention in this connection that tickets for the oratorio can now be secured at C. E. Millspaugh's. At St. John's Church on Christmas day communion service and mass will be held at 4 a. m., and at 7:30 and 10:30 a. m. Special music by the choir. A Christmas tree and festival for the little ones will also be held. At the M. E. Church the Epworth League will hold a service on Sunday evening appropriate to Christmas. And to further celebrate the Christmas festival the Sunday School will entertain the members of the church and congregation with a supper and miscellaneous program some night next week.

—Next month a census of village will be taken. The Board of Trustees have appointed the following enumerators: Walter E. Howell, Charles E. Wright, Charles F. Radzinsky.

—The Good Templars will give an entertainment in their rooms on New street, Friday night.

For Stealing a Horse.

Peter Milligan, of Sparrowbush, was arrested, Tuesday, charged with stealing a horse from Charles S. Jackson, of Caboonzie. Milligan admitted taking the horse from Mr. Jackson's barn and said he expected to pay for it by cutting wood. Jackson contended that he had no right to take the horse until he had cut the wood. Milligan was held to await trial.

First Congregational Sunday School Christmas.

The Sunday School of the First Congregational Church will hold its Christmas exercises, Monday evening, Dec. 27th. There will be a cantata entitled "Santa Claus Reception" at 7:30, after which there will be a supper.

Maennerchor Germania Will Celebrate Christmas.

The Maennerchor Germania has issued invitations for a Weihnachtsfeier, Christmas afternoon and evening, at their hall on Centre street.

Too Many Entertainments.

Although there seems to be entirely too many entertainments this month, yet there is one next Monday of such merit and pleasing variety that all should attend. In addition to the superb singing of Alonzo Hatch, illustrated by the mammoth orinopticon, and the skillful playing of Signor Giacinto Epifanio on the harp there will be Edison's wonderful moving pictures of things of interest in this and other countries and the phonograph with the Naxos attachment, and late master records that all will enjoy. At Second Presbyterian Church, Dec. 27th. Admission, 15 and 25c. Reserved seats ten cents extra, at J. E. Mills' drug store.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Hoffman Lodge, F. and A. M., Choose Officers for the Coming Year.

The annual meeting and election of officers of Hoffman Lodge, No. 412 F. and A. M., was held, last evening, resulting as follows:

W. M.—Ira L. Case.
S. W.—Jeremiah E. Barnes.
J. W.—Willard T. Seaman.
Treasurer—Edmund Miller.
Secretary—J. B. A. Taylor.
Trustee (3 years)—Julius F. Korn.

The installation of officers will occur, Tuesday evening, January 4th, at which time the appointive officers will be announced.

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Large Spread of Christmas Goods.

The big store, with its grand display of X mas goods, with its syndicate advantages in purchasing (no schemes or middlemen), make it the lowest priced place to buy goods of like quality. Handkerchiefs—The center of our store is a handkerchief store indeed. You can find handkerchiefs here at all prices from 8c to \$12.50 each. 12½c each all linen center, lace edge handkerchiefs in boxes for children. Three linen handkerchiefs (with colored border and initial) in a box at 25c a box. Ladies' all linen handkerchiefs from 10c each up. Gentlemen's all linen handkerchiefs from 12½c each up. Silk handkerchiefs from 10c each up. Silk initial handkerchiefs at 25, 39 and 50c each. The 39c initial are actually worth 50c. Umbrellas—We did not make any mistake in our large purchase of umbrellas. We have them for gentlemen, we have them for ladies, we have them for children from 50c to \$5 each, all with the latest style handles. Vantine Crochery—Cups and saucers from 5c up. \$2.48 pictures at 98c each. 25c baskets at 10c each. Leather Dress Suit Cases—We have 25 good dress suit cases to sell from \$3 each up. True, the \$3 cases are not all leather. The \$5 grades are worth \$7.50 each. Call and see these dress suit cases. They are cheap. "The Big Store."

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As He Understood the Term.

"De trouble wil dis hyah church," said the deacon, "is de contributory negligence ob de congregation." "De contributory negligence ob de congregation?" repeated the pastor: "what ye mean by dat?" "I mean jes' what I sez," replied the deacon; "when de plate am passed arround nearly all of dem neglacts ter contribute."—Puck.

Not the Military Sort, However. Fostick—Heaphill has joined the national guard.

KeeClick—He'll make a good militia man.

"What makes you think so? I thought he was too lazy."

"That's what I mean. He's done a great deal of soldiering."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Hard to Please. Mrs. Dugdale—Is it true that your husband never swears?

Mrs. Ripley—Yes.

Mrs. Dugdale—And yet you are not happy? I can't understand it.

Mrs. Ripley—Well, sometimes it seems to me that I would much rather have him swear than kick holes through the doors.—Cleveland Leader.

Accounting for It. "George Windrig is an enigma to me. Being a preacher's son, it would naturally seem that he ought to be wild and worthless, but, as you know, he is one of the finest fellows in this town."

"Still, it must not be forgotten that the old gentleman isn't a very good preacher."—Chicago News.

Cowardly Revenge. "Stryker must be of a revengeful disposition."

"Why?"

"You remember that Miss Anghy who snubbed him so at the lake?"

"Yes."

"Well, he's married her."—Chicago Journal.

She Proves It. "The second girl is too stuck up to associate with the cook."

"How about the cook?"

"The cook says there is no beastly pride about her; if there was, she wouldn't be working for us."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There'd Be Quite a Jam. First Convict—Don't you wish all them as oughter be in the penitentiary would be sent here?

Second Convict—Cause why?

First Convict—Cause then they'd have to let us comes out to make room for 'em.—Brooklyn Life.

Too Low. Lawyer—So your wife has been arrested for shoplifting? Well, can't you swear that she has always been afflicted with kleptomania?

Client—Alas, that would be useless. My salary is only \$60 a month.—Chicago News.

Should She Expect Them. "You never bring me lovely flowers and candies, as you used to when we were engaged," pouted Mrs. McBride.

"No, dear," replied her husband. "I didn't buy \$50 bouquets and \$50 dresses for you then, though."—Judge.

Facts Be Blowed. "I care not a whit for the witnesses who saw me commit the offense," said the murderer. "All my hopes are based on the expert evidence."

—Philadelphia North American.

A LUCKY FELLOW.

Mrs. Dunn—Darling, there goes a man that I refused once.

Mr. Dunn—Oh, where? I would like to congratulate him.—Detroit Free Press.

Worse Yet. "Many men of many minds," a saw we oft recall— Does very well, but oh, one to do So many men of many kinds Who have no minds at all.

—L. A. W. Bulletin

Among Dear Friends. Belle—I never saw such a girl as Betty; she can't keep a thing to herself.

Deulah—I guess you never saw her when she had a box of caramels.—Yonkers Statesman.

Of Course He Did. She—He kissed me, and then I told him to tell no one.

He—And what did he do?

"Why, it wasn't two minutes before he repeated it."—Yonkers Statesman.

The Matrimonial Lottery. Jinks—Winks married a woman of intellect, didn't he?

Blinks—I don't know. Why?

Jinks—I notice he never has any buttons on his clothes.—N. Y. Weekly.

Plenty of 'Em. "The senator seems to be a man absolutely without convictions."

"Oh, you're 'way off; he's got convictions to sell."—Chicago Journal.

An Indian Cooking Box. Inventors in India are not as slow as might be supposed. A cooking box, introduced by a Hindoo, is run by solar heat. It is lined with mirrors, concentrating the rays of a heater of copper, covered with glass, and performs its work quickly in boiling, baking or stewing.

DON'T GO IT BLIND.

There's No Use to in Middle town—The Way is Almost Hedged With Guide Posts.

Have you ever read a newspaper article, a glowing account of some incident told in elusive words to lead you on and found it ended up with a proprietary medicine advertisement? Made you mad, didn't it? And were you convinced of the merit of the article? We think not, because it told the experience of some stranger in a far-away town; to take his word for it was like "going it blind." It is a different thing when a statement is presented from a citizen from people we know, and that's the case here:

"I was unable to follow my occupation of training and breaking in horses for some time," says Chas. H. Bodine, of No. 7 Roberts street, "owing to my kidneys. For four or five years I had the most terrible pains in my back, so severe I could not sleep at night, nor stoop over when I first got up in the morning. I walked about the house bent over, for I was simply unable to straighten up with the aching. It extended to my shoulder blades after a time and the whole back was sore. The urine had a dark color and was full of sediment. Some time ago I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at J. E. Mills' drug store. I had tried many remedies, but I got no relief until I found Doan's Kidney Pills. I never in my life saw anything to work so like a charm. I have quit taking them, for I no longer require them. I keep them right in the house. If they were difficult to obtain I would not dispose of them for any price, and I would pay \$10 a box if I could not get them for less. When I used to catch cold it always lodged in my back, and then how I did suffer, but since taking Doan's Kidney Pills I have caught cold and it did not affect my back in the least. I hope I am permanently cured, for mine is an old case, the result of several strains received in training horses and from exposure and hard-ship when serving in the 18th Reg. Co. P. N. Y. Vol. I will be only too pleased to speak to any citizen privately about the particulars of my cure."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50 Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for United States. Sent by mail on receipt of price. For sale by all dealers.

Remember the name Doan's, and take no substitute.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

- 1—Wicham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
- 2—North street and Low avenue, hat shop.
- 3—North St. and W. Main Ave., typeshop.
- 4—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
- 5—Grand avenue and Prince street.
- 6—Wicham avenue and corner Liberty street.
- 7—West Main street and Walkill avenue.
- 8—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
- 9—James and Henry streets.
- 10—North and John streets, edge crossing.
- 11—Lake avenue and West street.
- 12—W. Main street, corner Monahan avenue.
- 13—State Hospital Gate.
- 14—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
- 15—Rear of State Hospital.
- 16—Pulton and Mill streets hat shop.
- 17—High and Hanford streets.
- 18—Canal street, condenser.
- 19—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
- 20—Fairview avenue and South street.
- 21—Fulton street and East avenue.
- 22—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
- 23—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
- 24—Academy street and corner Orchard street.
- 25—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
- 26—Grant street and Sprague avenue.
- 27—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
- 28—North street, near Orchard.
- 29—Franklin Square.
- 30—Rung before a box number, denotes that a letter being made.
- 31—stroke denotes direct; broken.
- 32—2-3 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
- 33—stroke of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
- 34—stroke of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured In Three Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the Mystic Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from a group by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fact is that Castoria is the only medicine that is so safe and so effective.

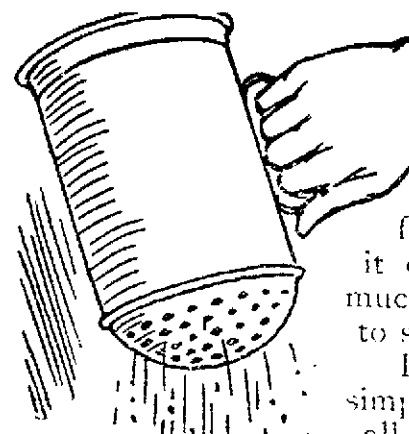
When bilious or constive, eat a Castoria candy, and you are cured, guaranteed, 15c.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of O. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold everywhere.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for riles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. D. Olney.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.



A good idea

is to keep some Pearline in a sifter, ready to use for floor-washing, dish washing, etc., etc. You sprinkle a little over the floor, for instance, and then just wash it over with a wet cloth. See how much more convenient to use than soap, to say nothing of the easier work!

If you're buying and using Pearline simply for washing clothes, and not for all kinds of washing and cleaning, you're cheating yourself out of a great deal of comfort and economy.

MILLIONS NOW USE PEARLINE

MISS PARLOA'S COOK BOOKS.

MORE THAN HALF A MILLION OF THEM HAVE BEEN SOLD.



Miss Parloa's Young Housekeeper. Designed especially to aid beginners. Tells how to furnish the kitchen sensibly; the right way to buy food and to care for it, etc. A plain book for plain people. A book that farmers' wives and daughters will be glad to own. One from which any housewife may obtain an immense amount of valuable aid. \$1.00

Miss Parloa's New Cook Book. The most thorough Cook Book published. The directions are clear and concise. It is thoroughly practical, perfectly reliable and is marked by strong good sense. Contains 1,724 receipts, etc. \$1.50

Miss Parloa's Kitchen Companion. A complete compendium of cookery. Marvellously comprehensive and copiously illustrated. \$2.50

Any of the above sent postpaid upon receipt of price. Order from your bookseller or of us.

ESTES & LAURIAT, Publishers BOSTON.

A HORSEMAN'S OPINION!

E. RAASCH For HARNESS, trim and care, is unsurpassed the county through H Renowned for quality, it is clear, to do good work in a harness is a R Admiration workmanship, skill and care, he shows at prices just and fair N fine of SADDLES, too, he has, that wherever we may seek to find E splendid ROBES, of pattern, neat; and BLANKETS, he has a stock complete S call in for WHIPS, they're all first-class, his BITS and BRIDLES none can surpass S H E RAASCH'S patrons all confess, he merits and commands success S No. 19 NORTH STREET.

COAL!

Honest Coal, Honest Weight, Prompt Delivery

THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY. TRY US.

ROYCE & MAPES,

No. 10 Henry Street, Middletown. Telephone No. 138.

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE TRADING STAMPS But We Can Afford and Do Give Our Customers

2,000 Pounds for a Ton of the Best COAL Mined THOROUGHLY SCREENED, AT REGULAR PRICES.

GORDON & HORTON,

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Money left with the First National Bank of New York will draw interest at the rate of three (3) per cent. per annum.

By Order Board of Directors, SEYMOUR DEWITT, Cashier.

When You Want Good Insurance!

In Old, Strong and Reliable Companies.

CALL ON

E. E. CONKLING, Middletown.

SOMETHING NEW FOR X-MAS.

That's what we are looking for something new for X-Mas, something new for a gentleman's present, and something new for the children, and the place to go and find such articles, and not all paper talk, as at

F. D. Kernechan's, the Middletown Jeweler.

Our stock is new, complete and ready for inspection. With a very little money your wants can be satisfied. Besides our Christmas stock, we have our usual large stock of diamonds, watches, jewelry and silverware. Old gold bought and taken in exchange. Eyes examined and lenses fitted free for all glasses purchased before X-mas.

F. D. KERNOCHAN,

Practical Optician and Eye Specialist, No. 17 North Street

STENOGRAPHY,

Bookkeeping, etc., thoroughly taught BY MAIL or personally. Our system of teaching gives actual daily experience in every branch of business, including Banking, Merchandising, Commission, Insurance, Transportation, etc. Preparatory Department for backward students. We train for practical work and always secure situations for worthy graduates of our Business and Shorthand Courses. Students enter any day. No vacations. Expenses moderate. Don't throw away time and money by going to temporary schools when it will cost you less to attend the BEST. We always have a number of students who have left incompetent teachers in disgust. Such people often tell us that six months here is equal to a year in any other school.

\$5 REWARD to any one for first information of a vacant position for a Bookkeeper, Stenographer, Teacher, Clerk or Telegraph operator which we successfully fill. Business houses supplied with competent assistants without charge. Refer to prominent patrons in every part of the world. The next best thing to attending the MOST CELEBRATED BUSINESS SCHOOL in America is to take our INSTRUCTION BY MAIL. If you are unemployed and willing to study, send ten two-cent stamps for five free lessons in shorthand. Beautiful Catalogue free. Address (enclose this paper) CLEMENT C. GAINES, PRESIDENT, POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

THE MILK TRUST TAKES SHAPE

Incorporated in New Jersey as the Farm and Dairy Product Company, of Jersey City, its capital \$15,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 has been paid in—Plenty of Money in Sight—Its Plans and Purpose—Its Effect on the Milk Business.

The Milk Trust was incorporated in New Jersey, Tuesday, as the Farm and Dairy Product Company, of Jersey City, with a capital of \$15,000,000, to be divided into \$4,000,000 of preferred stock, and \$11,000,000 of common stock. One thousand dollars has been paid in up to date.

The incorporators are Samuel B. Lawrence and Francis B. Lowery, of New York City; John B. Sumner, of New York City; John B. Sumner, of New York City; and Henry C. Everdell, of Brooklyn, and Barnham C. Stickney, of Elizabeth, N. J.

The Farm and Dairy Product Company need not confine its operations to Jersey City and milk. It is authorized to do business anywhere, and to traffic in butter, eggs, turkeys, spinach, cheese—anything grown or manufactured on farms.

Although the new company is incorporated in New Jersey, its principal field of operations will be in New York and Brooklyn. As has been already published, it expects to systematize the business, and by consolidating routes to effect a saving in the cost of distribution which will make it possible to sell more cheaply to consumers and at the same time yield a handsome return on the investment. It is proposed to deliver milk from rubber tired wagons, gorgeously gilded, chariots they are called by the reverent New York reporters. The men in charge of the chariots are all to be uniformed. It is expected that 1,000 drivers will take the place of 4,000 milkmen.

Plenty of money is said to be in sight for this trust, a name, by the way, it promoters scout. They call it centralization of capital and effort. The funds were found chiefly in London from English capital seeking investment, although a share of it was procured in New York city.

The company will buy direct from the farmers, and have the milk forwarded to the New York market through depots located throughout New Jersey and this State. Some of the creameries which have been buying milk from farmers and shipping it to market will be converted into these depots. Nothing is said as to the fate of the other creameries. Thus, the company holds, there is a prospect of the price of milk to consumers being reduced.

Beyond this it is asserted that the quality of milk is to be improved. Farms are to be carefully watched and the farmers instructed how to take care of their cows, so the milk will be richer and purer. There is to be rigid inspection at all depots and in the city, and every care taken to guard against impurities in milk.

The trust will try to prevent grocers from selling milk. The argument is that not all grocers properly look after their milk, that it is liable to contamination through impure ice boxes and improper handling. So the corporation proposes, it announces, to conduct sub-stations here, where its goods will receive scientific care.

The trust promises to advance prices to farmers or at least not to reduce them but if it can control the business on the lines it has laid down the farmers will be at its mercy and their state will, if such a thing is possible, be worse than it now is.

The Journal thus summarizes the immediate effects of the Trust: Creameries absorbed, 300; retail concerns, 200; wagons laid off, 3,000; men thrown out of work, 16,000; saving on wagons, \$3,000,000; saving in wages, etc., \$5,000,000.

The plan of the trust is to have a large central receiving and distributing depot in New York with a branch depot in Brooklyn. Its first efforts are to be devoted to securing control of the whole trade, after which it will try to take in the retailers.

Prominent milk dealers and creamery men in this section say that so far as they can learn none of the big dealers have been asked with favor the overtures that have been made to it. The New York Condensed Milk Company, (Borden's) which does the largest business of any concern in the New York milk trade, would not listen to the emissaries of the trust and those most familiar with the New York milk business do not believe that the trust can carry out its plans.

It was said, Tuesday, that several dealers who bring their milk from Orange county were among those who were very anxious to enter the trust, and, in fact, been talking about making Orange county the sole source of milk supply for New York. The dealers who turned a deaf ear to the promoters of the trust held that it is impossible for a milk trust to succeed on account of the very perishable nature of the product, for it cannot be stored up like coal and sugar and nails and crackers, nor can the supply be restricted.

Requies to Dance, To-night.
McQuoid Engine Company will hold a social and dance, to-night, at the truck house. This is the first of the series for this winter.

Catarrh Is a Disease
Which requires a constitutional remedy. It cannot be cured by local applications. Hood's Sarsaparilla is wonderfully successful in curing catarrh, because it eradicates from the blood the scrofulous taints which cause it. Sufferers with catarrh find a cure in Hood's Sarsaparilla, even after other remedies utterly fail.

Hood's Pills are prompt, efficient, always reliable, easy to take, easy to operate.

FIBROID TUMOR

Expelled by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Interview With Mrs. D. A. Lombard.

I have reason to think that I would not be here now if it had not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It cured me of a fibroid tumor in my womb.

Doctors could do nothing for me, and they could not cure me at the hospital. I will tell you about it:

I had been in my usual health, but had worked quite hard. When my monthly period came on, I flowed very badly. The doctor gave me medicine, but it did me no good. He said the flow must be stopped if possible, and he must find the cause of my trouble.

Upon examination, he found there was a fibroid tumor in my womb, and gave me treatment without any benefit whatever. About that time a lady called on me, and recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, said she owed her life to it. I said I would try it, and did. Soon after the flow became more natural and regular. I still continued taking the Compound for some time. Then the doctor made an examination again, and found everything all right. The tumor had passed away and that dull ache was gone.—Mrs. D. A. LOMBARD, Box 71, Westdale, Mass.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Business of Last Night's Adjourned Meeting—All Members of the Graduating Class May Appear on the Commencement Stage—The Holiday Vacation—Bills Audited.

The Board of Education held an adjourned meeting, Tuesday evening. Present, President Wiggins, Messrs. Finn, Purdy, Howell, Powell, Martin and Superintendent Tuthill. Minutes of the meetings of Nov. 9, Nov. 16 and Dec. 4, were read and approved.

It was voted that all members of the graduating class of 1898 who so desired be granted permission to appear on the stage with essays or orations not to exceed 550 words each.

Mr. Martin was added to the Finance Committee for this meeting.

Mr. Wiggins being called out Mr. Powellson was made chairman.

The necessary expenses of Superintendent Tuthill in attending the meeting of the academic principals at Syracuse were ordered paid by the Board.

The schools were ordered closed from Thursday night, Dec. 23, 1897 until Tuesday morning, Jan. 4, 1898, for the holiday vacation.

The following bills were audited and drafts ordered drawn in payment:

Bain & Taylor Co., books.....	\$ 60 50
Ed. Carroll, labor.....	6 50
G. H. Hadden, labor and material.....	18 75
L. C. Paddy, oil.....	1 50
E. H. Gregory, wood.....	3 40
John Youngs, paint and labor.....	18 20
L. S. Wisner, gravel.....	11 00
Case & Taylor, insurance.....	1 00
T. H. Dayton, insurance.....	5 25
E. E. Conkling, insurance.....	3 75
Middletown Light and Power Co.....	1 82
Chas. Besler, gas.....	4 00
E. P. Haynes, repainting.....	1 35
Middletown Gas and Electric Co., pipe and labor.....	39 43
M. McGreevy, labor.....	1 60
George Smith, labor.....	31 50
G. T. Townsend, expressage.....	15 38
James F. Tuthill, disbursements.....	16 50
Houghton, Milten Co., text books.....	46 47
A. E. McIntyre, paper.....	84 00
C. B. Wilkes & Co., wood.....	4 75
D. G. Smith, labor, etc.....	3 00
Educational Publishing Co., books.....	13 12
Aene Stationery and Paper Co., paper.....	19 92
John Hadden, wood.....	4 00
Middletown Gas and Electric Light Co., gas.....	1 60
Free Christian Church, rent.....	37 50
R. J. Oliphant, report cards.....	23 15
Gardiner & McWilliams, insurance.....	5 25
Spooner & Ayres, hardware.....	74 78
Bansch Optical Co., microscopes.....	31 80
A. B. Wilbur, insurance.....	6 20
Prairie Educational Co., clay.....	3 00
Total.....	\$614 06

Catarrh Cannot be Cured.

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

P. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. One-fourth the price of coffee. Fifteen cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.

CHOICE PERFUMES make desirable Christmas gifts for young and old, but get good. There is any quantity of cheap, trashy stuff offered in dry goods and bargain stores. We will be pleased to show you our line of really fine perfumes, ranging in price from 25c to \$2.00. Call in and see them at CHAMBER'S Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

One woman of this city is not afraid of the opinions of her less advanced sisters in the matter of dress. She walked the Erie platform this morning attired in short storm skirts which reached within six inches of her shoe tops. Her shoes were heavy, just the thing for such a day, and she wore a black derby hat and her face was shaded by a veil. She hurried through the crowd, and bravely left the walk and took to the crushed stone road bed, her rapid walking changing to a run as the switch engine bell rang near her. The "boys" in the neighborhood wondered what it all meant as she hurried into West Main street, after taking one long look behind.

Miss Lelia Herbert, who committed suicide, Tuesday, in Washington, is remembered by Middletown people who were at Annapolis when Ensign Powelson graduated. He was captain of the company which won the banner for the best drill, and it was presented to him by Miss Herbert, whose father was then Secretary of the Navy.

Casacrets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or grip. Ten cents.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisements taken for less than 10 cents.

GRAIN, FEED, HAY—Large stock, low prices. GRIND, SALT, VASELITE'S New Feed Store.

TURKEY RAFFLE, Franklin House, corner Union and Franklin streets, to-night. Free showder. 21c.

RAFFLE, to-night, at 5 John street. 1c.

WANTED at Once—Two thorough business men. Permanent position to right parties. Must be acquainted with business people in Middletown. Enquire of C. O. JOHNSON, Sept. 7 Mulberry street. 1c.

D. T. C. ROYCE and DR. A. FREEMAN FOOT, Dealers. Offices over National Express Co., Franklin Square, Middletown, d.d.w.

TURKEY RAFFLE TO-NIGHT at 146 North street. 24c.

ECZEMA, Rheumatism and Paralysis cured. Call at 12 Highland avenue. DR. M. L. DEVESSEY.

BLUE POINT and Rockaway Oysters on the half shell for the holidays, delivered to any part of city, at 107 E. 10th, opposite Casino. 24c.

THERE are many new watches in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc. for the season of 1897. Call and examine them at A. M. AMBLER'S, 56 North street, next to Press office. Repairing a specialty at short notice and all work guaranteed. Engraving of all goods purchased free of charge. See other adv.

PERFUMES in bulk—Woodworth's best triple extracts. Violets of Sicily, Blue Lilies, Jockey Club, Musk, Lily of the Valley, Crab Apple Blossom, Fragrant, White Rose, Stepanotis, Uliouette, etc. We'll be pleased to show them to you. CHAMBER'S Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from post office.

A SPLENDID Line of elegant Sachet Powder (for the ladies) use in making Christmas gifts, composed of trailing arabian, white rose, hepteorine, violet, blue lilies, fragrant, jockey club, etc. CHAMBER'S Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

FINE Christmas Presents—Old violins \$2 and \$5, mandolins \$1 to \$3, banjos \$2 to \$4, and extra fine and case \$2 strings, only \$5.00. See our get-a-ha-the-instrument. STEPHENSON, EXCHANGE AND MARK CO., No. 46 East Main street.

LOWER Part of house, 65 East avenue, lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent. Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave and Fulton St. 7c.

WANTED on Bond and Mortgage—\$2,500, 5 per cent, security worth \$5,000, in this city, only \$1.50 wanted, 6 per cent. SEBELL & BURKE, Attorneys, No. 57 North street. 4c.

LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned, ostrich plumes cleaned, dyed and curled. 303 1/2 N. 2d St. J. A. ALSTIN, 33 Wickham Ave.

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monmouth avenue. 7c.

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Bonville avenue, arranged for two families, city water. If wanted, low rent, desirable location. 11c. P. C. CUMMINGS, 100 East Main street.

WANTED Ladies to remember that you can get off on having your shoes repaired with us. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRATE sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more. JOSEPH O. EDNER.

NOTICE is hereby given that the firm of Ebnor & Brown, plumbers, steam and gas fitters, late doing business at 34 West Main street, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. The undersigned will continue the business at the old stand, where all bills due the firm should be paid. 20c. JOSEPH O. EDNER.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Federal Director and Banker, 99 North street. Telephone No. 2. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street, corner James Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones St., New York City. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

JOHN LONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer, 12 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 15. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 50 Cottage street, Middletown. Telephone 42, night and day. Rose York office, 62 Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone. Lady assistant.

I. D. OSTERHOOT, Undertaker and Embalmer, Lady assistant, Telephone 168, Middletown, N. Y. 40 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. 48 Great Jones street, New York.

TURKEYS. TURKEYS.
100 turkeys at 16c a pound, weight 14c, ducks 15c, chickens 12c, prime rib roast 13c, round steak 12c, plates of beef, chicken 10c. Everything else at low prices, and the best Chicago beef that money can buy. Give me a call.

R. Dugdale, W. Main and Union St.
23
Cts. a Pound
Finest
Creamery Butter.

"SLOAT'S Butter Store.

REPORT of the Condition of the First National Bank at Middletown, in the State of New York, at the close of business Dec. 15th, 1897.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$395,386 75
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	2,357 04
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	60,000 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds.....	7,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc.....	7,800 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	5,234 02
Other real estate and mortgages owned.....	12,550 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....	33,854 07
Due from State banks and bankers.....	522 30
Due from approved reserve agents.....	37,638 14
Checks and other cash items.....	5,814 74
Notes of other National Banks.....	608 00
Fractional paper currency, tickets and coins.....	219 17
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie.....	\$28,826 85
Legal tender notes.....	300 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury (5 per cent of circulation).....	2,700 00
Total.....	\$900,353 52
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000 00
Surplus fund.....	7,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	9,732 30
Notes payable.....	4,000 00
Due to other National Banks.....	22,561 65
Due from State banks and bankers.....	667 23
Individual deposits subject to check.....	321,707 20
Demanded certificates of deposit.....	54,275 95
Certified checks.....	59 40
Total.....	\$900,353 52

State of New York, County of Orange, ss: I, Seymour Dewitt, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SEYMOUR DEWITT, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 1897.
CHAS. B. BUCKLEY, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
C. MACARDILL,
W. B. ROYCE,
SELAH R. CORWIN, Directors.

For Christmas.

Florida and Jamaica Oranges, Celery, Cranberries, Lemons, Table Raisins and other choice fruiting Malines.

English Walnuts 10c a Pound.
Soft Shell Almonds Two Pounds for 25 Cents.

Pure Mixed and Cream Candles 1c a pound. Finest quality. Forster 25c a pound, Good Fairy Butter 20c and 25c a pound, Fine Java, Mocha and Maracabo Coffee.

C. N. PREDMORE & SON.
Cottage Hotel Entertainments.

WEEK OF DEC. 13.
Matinees at 3. Evenings at 8.

Flora and Hudson and Lily Adams, lady song artists; Parley Muller, Irish comedian, comic and dancer; Marie Girard, character change artist. Performance at 8 p. m. Dance every Thursday evening from 10 to 1.

HOLIDAY SALE—we will sell all our felt, chenille and velvet hats at a discount of 25 to 50 per cent. Also great reductions on hosiery, sweaters and fancy hosiery. This is to reduce our stock and induce you to buy your hats here for this time only. See our stamped lines and embroidery silks. Bignons sold cheap for 50c and 75c. MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

FIRST Floor to let at No. 10 West Main street, suitable for dressmaking, milliner or office. 15c. Address Box 65, Goshen.

SPECIAL SALE OF WRAPPERS
AT
98c. AND \$1.48.

HART DAVIS,
45 North Street.

WHAT TO BUY AND WHERE TO BUY IT!

The best assortment usually decides it. This store has prepared to offer something more powerful than mere assortment. It has linked economy with its vast collection. For months the work of price pressure buying has gone on to land on our counters the most remarkable Holiday Goods values in the world of retailing.

FOR MEN.
Silk Initial Handkerchiefs..... 25, 39c
Linen Initial Handkerchiefs..... 25c
Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... 15, 19c
Black Cashmere Socks..... 25c
Close Roll Umbrellas..... \$1.29 to \$2.48
Oxidized Match Safes..... 25c
Traveling Cases..... 75c to \$3.50
Collar and Cuff Boxes..... 89c up
Necktie Boxes..... 69c up
Calendar and Letter Boxes..... 48c
Glass Paper Weights..... 19c up
Wood and Silver Wells..... 19c up
Postage Stamp Boxes..... 29c
Paper Cutters..... 25, 39c
Paper Calendars..... 10c up
Pocket Scissors..... 25c
Brush Brooms, silver tipped..... 19, 25c
Match Trays..... 10 to 69c
Cigar Cutter and Ash Receiver..... \$1.48
Cigar Sets..... 10, 25, 48c
Match Trays..... 19c
Playing Cards..... 39, 48c
Bag Tags..... 25, 48c
Umbrella Fasteners..... 19c
Wood Ink Wells..... 25c to \$1.19
1/2 doz. pair Fine Cotton Hose..... \$1.00
Leather Cigar Cases..... 39, 48c
Raphael Tuck Calendars..... 19c up
Silver Overcoat Holders..... 48c
Fine Hair Brushes..... 25 to 68c
Nail Files..... 25, 48c
Toothpick Holders..... 10c
Holiday Box Soap and Perfume..... 39, 49c
Night Shirts..... 49, 69c
White Shirts..... 48, 68c
Smoking Sets..... 25, 48c
Men's Suspenders 15c., 2 for..... 25c
Fine Undershirts and Drawers..... 75, 98c
Whist Markers..... 48c

FOR CHILDREN.
Tin Trumpets..... 5, 10, 15, 25c
Circle Railways..... 48, 98c., \$1.48
Large Box Paints..... 10c
Toy Sad Irons..... 5, 10, 15, 25c
Magic Lanterns..... 48c to \$1.98
Doll Houses..... 48, 98c
Doll Swings..... 15, 25c
Toy Guns..... 10c
Electric Fountains..... 48c
Magic Boxes..... 48c
Drums..... 19c up
Christmas Tree Candles..... 10c a box
Marble Arch..... 15c
Punch and Judy..... 25c
Block Boards..... 19c up
Drawing Slates..... 5, 10c
Targets..... 5, 10c
Iron Horse and Sundry..... 25c
Wood Carts..... 10c up
Iron Carts..... 25c up
Juvenile Books..... 5 to 48c
Toy Dishes..... 15 to 98c
Iron Trains..... 19c to \$2.98
Mechanical Engine..... 48c
Iron Ranges..... 25c to \$1.48
Iron Banks..... 10 to 98c
Iron Bells..... 25, 48c
Crandell's Treasure Box..... 48c
Toy Tool Chests..... 25, 98c
Hornedoes..... 10, 15, 25c
Rubber Balls..... 10, 15, 25c
Ten Pins..... 10, 25, 48c
Hair Horses..... 19c to \$1.25
Noah Arks..... 25 to 98c
Toy Laundry Sets..... 15c
Toy Forts..... 25c to \$2.98
Tin Stoves..... 10 to 48c
Musical Toys..... 5, 10, 15, 25c
Blocks, all kinds..... 5 to 48c
Games, 50 kinds..... 5c up
Toy Accordions..... 25c
Soldier Sets..... 25, 48, 98c
Knit Dolls..... 5, 10, 25, 39c
Kid Body Dolls, special..... 15, 25, 48c
Dr. seed Dolls, special..... 15, 39, 69c
Rat Trucks..... 39 to 98c
Doll Cradles..... 25, 48c

FOR WOMEN.
Sterling Silver Paper Cutters..... 25, 50c
Sterling Silver Nail Files..... 25, 48c
Sterling Silver Cutlery..... 25, 50c
Sterling Silver Sissors..... 75c
Sterling Silver Stocking Darners..... 48c
Sterling Silver Pen Knife..... 25c
Sterling Silver Book Marks..... 25c
Hand Mirrors..... 10, 15, 19, 48, 69, 98c
Silver Top Puff Boxes..... 48c
Bohemian Puff and Jewel Boxes..... 69, 98c., \$1.19
Hat Brushes..... 19, 48c
Dressing Socks, brush, comb and mirror, 98c., \$1.19, \$1.48, \$1.68
Silver Ink Wells..... 19, 25, 48c
Silver Jewel Boxes..... 19, 25, 98c
Postage Stamp and Pen Boxes..... 19, 25c
Raphael Tuck & Son's Fine Booklets and Calendars..... 5c up
Fine Umbrellas..... \$1.48, \$1.98, \$2.48
Picture Frames..... 19, 25, 39c
Special Jardinieres..... 10, 25, 39, 49, 79c
Fine Holiday Perfumes..... 25, 39, 49c
Prepared Palms..... 95c., \$1.15
Candle Sticks, with Candles..... 19, 25c
Nickle Nut Picks..... 10c a set
Nut Picks and Cracker..... 25, 39, 48c
Fine Box Papers..... 15, 25, 49c
Silver Novelty Lamps..... 25c
Glass Night Lamps, with 5 oz. lemon or vanilla extract..... 25c
Special Hair Brushes..... 25, 39, 48, 68c
Handsome Underskirts..... 98c to \$1.98
Pretty Dressing Scaques..... 98c to \$1.48
Handsome Wrappers..... 98c., \$1.18
Special White Aprons..... 25, 48c
Elegant Silk Waist Patterns, 5 yds., all linings..... \$4.98
Handsome Dress Patterns, all linings..... \$4.98, \$5.98, \$6.98
Fine Pocketbooks..... 25, 48c
Special Handkerchiefs..... 10, 15, 25, 48c

HART DAVIS,
45 NORTH ST.,
MIDDLETOWN.

Department of Public Instruction. DATES OF EXAMINATIONS FOR 1898.

OTISVILLE, N. Y., November 1, 1897.
Examinations under the uniform system for 1898, will begin on the days named below and continue for two days, except those for training class certificates, which will continue for three days.

FIRST GRADE.
March 10th and 11th, at Goshen.
August 11th and 12th, at Middletown.

TRAINING CLASSES.
January 19th, 20th and 21st, at Port Jervis.
June 8th, 9th and 10th, at Port Jervis.

SECOND AND THIRD GRADES.
January 15th and 16th, at Port Jervis.
March 10th and 11th, at Goshen.
May 27th and 28th, at Otisville.
August 11th and 12th, at Middletown.
September 23d and 24th, at Warwick.

KINDERGARTEN.
January 15th and 16th, at Port Jervis.
June 8th and 9th, at Port Jervis.

DRAWING.
March 10th and 11th, at Goshen.
August 11th and 12th, at Middletown.

NORMAL ENTRANCE.
Second Thursday of January, 18th, at Port Jervis.
Fourth Friday of May, 27th